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The Times Portfolio competition was won yesterday by Mr Thomas Phillips of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. He received £4,000, because the prize money was doubled as no-one won on Tuesday. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, Information Service, back page. On Saturday £22,000 can be won – the weekly prize of £20,000 plus the daily £2,000.

Laker suit closer to settlement

Success in British Airways' efforts to settle the Laker anti-trust suit against it and other airlines in Washington could be "a matter of days" away, a source said after lawyers met yesterday to consider an estimated $70 million (£57 million) offer.

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Princess Anne yesterday began one of the most relaxed and informal visits to Northern Ireland by a member of the Royal Family since the troubles began.

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Gorbachov cites West for collusion with Hitler

● Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, made a tough Victory Day speech yesterday, denouncing the West for collusion with Hitler and the US for threatening mankind with a new war

● In contrast, President Reagan, addressing the European Parliament, invited Moscow to join in seeking ways to maintain peace and reduce tension.

● The Soviet leader, in a VE-Day exchange of telegrams with Mr Reagan, struck a conciliatory note, saying Russia was ready to co-operate in preventing nuclear war.

From Richard Owen, Moscow

In an impassioned hardline speech marking the fortieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe, Mr Mikail Gorbachov yesterday accused the West of having colluded with Hitler to destroy Soviet socialism, and said history was repeating itself today with "American imperialism at the forward edge of the war menace to mankind".

America was becoming more and more bellicose and was actively re-animating revanchism in West Germany, the Soviet leader said. The speech was in contrast to recent conciliatory remarks, and there was no trace of his calls for revival of the "spirit of the wartime alliance."

Mr Gorbachov, speaking at a six-hour Kremlin ceremony, made only two passing references to Western military valour" and the assistance given to Russia by the Western allies against Nazi Germany, and dwelt at length on the Communist partisans in Europe. Moscow remained grateful for Western Assistance, but it was "not as great as they in the West like to say".

Sir Iain Sutherland, the British Ambassador, sat taking notes but did not react. The meeting was boycotted by Mr Arthur Hartman, the US Ambassador, who is also staying away from today's military parade.

Sir Iain will attend the parade, with the French and Italian ambassadors, but the West German and Dutch envoys are joining the US boycott.

Yesterday all Nato ambassadors laid wreaths at the Tomb of the Unkown Soldier, including Mr Hartman and Herr Joerg Kastl of West Germany. Herr Kastl was not in the Kremlin hall yesterday.

The British delegation, braving a steady rainfall, included Mr Denis Healey, wearing his campaign medals, two British Legion officials, and Brigadier B. K. Warner, the military attache. They laid a small wreath of red poppies.

In the Kremlin, in a hall filled with the tinkle of thousands of medals on veterans chests, Mr Garbachov described Russia's victory in the "Great Patriotic War", its heroic feats and upsurge of patriotism as a living inspiration.

He called for a minute's silence which lasted only ten seconds, a sign of his brisk style. The loudest and longest applause came when he mentioned Stalin's wartime leadership, and Mr Gorbachov tried twice to cut it short.

Mr Gorbachov said the war

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Queen leads thanksgiving for deliverance from peril



The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, preceded by the Dean of Westminster, Dr Edward Carpenter, and followed by: the Queen Mother; Prince Edward; Princess Margaret; Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester; The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester; the Duke of Kent; Prince and Princess Michael of Kent; Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy.

Victory a time to remember and a time to forget

By Alan Hamilton

Within the sepulchral walls of Westminster Abbey, witness to centuries of thanksgiving for deliveries from peril, the nation yesterday paid its formal obeisance to the world's deliverance from the Nazi evil and to 40 years of breathing space in the cockpit of Europe.

It was an uncertain act of worship, that rung with neither the hosannahs of victory nor the Last Post of remembrance. Rather was it a muted act of reassurance that, while what was done was right, the enmities of that time were ghosts whose spirit was best left unstirred.

As Britain's sole formal act of commemoration, it was avowedly ecumenical and international. Cardinal Hume, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, sat with Metropolitan Antony of Leningrad and Novgorod; the Auxiliary Bishop of Warsaw sat with the Rev Bernard Takao-Toyama, of the Anglican Church in Japan. The Soviet ambassador sat with the ambassadors of East and West Germany, Poland, the United States and 80 other nations.

The Queen, a diminutive in scarlet in a sea of tall, dark, medalled breasts, led a substantial contingent of her family, including the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward, Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Princesses Alice and Alexandra, the Dukes of Gloucester and Kent and Prince and Princess Michael. Prince Edward, born 19 years into the peace, wore the uniform of a Royal Marine cadet officer.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who had wished for no formal commemoration at all until those who had fought persuaded her otherwise, sat alone in a corner choir stall, isolated and severe under a wide-brimmed blue hat. Around and beneath her, her Cabinet and her Commons adversaries chattered and smiled. Two rows in front, bridging several generations, Winston Churchill's grandson paid court to Dame Anna Neagle.

But the day properly belonged to the veterans. Almost all the abbey's 2,200 seats were taken by representatives of old soldiers' organizations, with token presences from every walk of life that aided the war effort, from industry to coastguards.

It was, first, a service of thanksgiving, launched on the strains of the National Anthem's rarely-aired second

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We knew Jews' fate admits Wiezsäcker

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

President Richard von Weizsäcker, in his speech in the Bundestag yesterday on the meaning of May 8 for Germans, included an unsparing passage in which he made clear his belief that his countrymen knew during the war the fate of the Jews.

"The genocide of the Jews is without example in history," he said. "These crimes were carried out by a few, hidden from the eyes of the public. But every German could have seen what Jewish fellow citizens had to suffer: from cold indifference to hidden intolerance, to open hate.

Who could remain unsuspecting after the burning of the synagogues, the plundering, the stigmatization with the Star of David, the withdrawal of rights, the unending violation of human dignity? Those who had their ears and eyes open, those who wanted to inform themselves could not have failed to see that the deportation trains were rolling.

"And then, at the end of the war, the whole unspeakable truth of the holocaust emerged. Too many said they knew nothing, or had only an inkling of it. There is no guilt or innocence of a whole people because guilt, like innocence, is not collective. All those who lived through that time with full awareness ask themselves today, quietly, about their involvement."

Herr von Weizsäcker added that no one, especially those who were then infants or children or unborn, should wear a penitent's shirt merely because they were German. But forefathers of the young had left them a heavy legacy.

The young were not responsible for what happened, but they were responsible for what they would make of the future. Herr von Weizsäcker appealed to the young not to let themselves be driven into enmities and hate against others – against Russians or Americans, against Jews or Turks, against radicals or conservatives, against black or white.

He sought to resolve the problem of what exactly Germans were commemorating yesterday by depicting May 8, 1945, as a day of defeat which Germans gradually came to realize was a day of liberation.

No one should forget the

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Reagan offers blueprint for stable Soviet relations

From Nicholas Ashford, Strasbourg

President Reagan, trying to play down his cowboy image, yesterday presented America's European allies with a blueprint for establishing a "stable and peaceful relationship with the Soviet Union, based upon effective deterrence and the reduction of tension".

In an address to the European Parliament marking the 40th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War, he called on Moscow to join the US in seeking ways of maintaining peace that were not based, as at present, on continually expanding nuclear arsenals.

President Reagan was heckled by left-wing MEPs. When he referred to Soviet involvement in Nicaragua, about 20 Socialists and Communists walked out.

He was clearly put off by the protests but regained his composure and joked: "I've learnt something useful here – maybe if I talk long enough in my own Congress, some of them will walk out also."

In a speech long on heady rhetoric but short on new ideas, he declared: "Our task is to keep the peace with an ever more powerful Soviet Union, to introduce greater stability in our relationship with it, and live together in a world in which our values can prosper."

In his 50-minute speech the President outlined proposals for reducing tension between Washington and Moscow. The four proposals, involving a military "hot line", exchanges of military observers, and other confidence-building measures, had all been put forward on previous occasions. Their resubmission in yesterday's speech had been deliberately leaked earlier in the week to create a "positive atmosphere" before the address.

Mr Reagan also called for European support for his "Star Wars" space defence plan, pledging to maintain close consultations with Nato allies as the research project develops, and to negotiate with Moscow before deploying such a system.

Although the President was proferring an olive branch to Moscow, it was clasped in a mailed fist. He stressed that the West had "no alternative but to compete with the Soviet Union" in strengthening its nuclear defences.

The US was not seeking to regain the nuclear superiority it enjoyed until the early 1970s: "We cannot and should not seek to build our peace and freedom perpetually upon the basis of expanding nuclear arsenals" he declared. But in the short term, it was essential for the US to maintain a modern and survivable nuclear capability.

Then, to loud applause from Conservative MEPs, Mr Reagan warned against attempts to appease Moscow. Referring to the rise of Hitler he said: "We know that early attempts to placate the totalitarians did not save us from war. In fact they guaranteed it. There are lessons to be learned in this and never forgotten".

Much of the President's speech was devoted to a review of Europe's postwar reconstruction and Nato's role

● MOSCOW: The official Soviet news agency, Tass, criticised the speech by President Reagan, saying it distorted facts and was characterised by anti-Sovietism.

It described as "pseudo-peacemaking initiatives" his blueprint for better relations with the Soviet Union. "His speech abounded in rude attacks on the socialist system, flagrant distortions of facts and unfounded charges of 'aggressiveness' against the USSR."

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Wards shut in Legion death alert

By Craig Seton

A relief nurse at a private hospital in Bristol has died after contracting Legionnaires' disease and seven wards and three operating theatres at a national health hospital in Portsmouth were closed down yesterday after confirmation that two patients, one of whom died, had been affected.

Meanwhile the outbreak in Staffordshire claimed its 31st victim when a woman aged 82 died in the Kingsmead Geriatric Hospital.

The newly disclosed cased came after the Government's announcement of an independent inquiry into the Staffordshire outbreak. But health officials said yesterday that there was no apparent connection between the cases.

St Mary's Hospital in Portsmouth confirmed last night that a woman patient who died last month had the disease and that another patient was treated for it and recovered. No other patients were displaying symptoms.

A spokesman said: "We have received sufficient information to cause us in the interest of prudence to carry out a full-scale disinfection of certain areas. There is no evidence to suggest that the bacterium is or has been present at the hospital."

In Bristol, the South-west regional health authority disclosed yesterday that Mrs Anna Chidgey, aged 64, a relief nurse at the private Chesterfield Hospital, died last Thursday from kidney failure and Legionnaire's disease. She had been taken ill two weeks earlier with acute pneumonia.

Public health officials were carrying out tests to establish the source of Mrs Chidgey's infection

Thatcher drafts job strategy as party anxiety mounts

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Prime Minister, while observing VE-Day and attending her weekly audience with the Queen, spent part of yesterday preoccupied with the crucial speech which she is to deliver to Scottish Conservatives tomorrow.

Mrs Margaret has received plentiful unsolicited advice in recent days from Conservatives anxious about the still rising level of unemployment and about the party's reverses in last week's local elections.

But she has also been seeking advice on what she ought to say to the representatives at the party's Scottish conference in Perth.

Yesterday Mr John Wakeham, the Government Chief Whip, was collecting the voices of backbench MPs and inviting their criticism of the performance of the Prime Minister and of the Government generally so that he could pass it on, while the speech is being written.

Experienced backbenchers interviewed by Mr Wakeham were being encouraged to speak their minds and to say what reassurances they believed Conservative supporters and the wider electorate want.

The party's anxiety was dramatized yesterday by Mr David Howell, a former member of Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet, when he said there were worrying similarities between the present and the early 1960s.

"At that time, quite aside from the Profumo affair and the illness of Mr Harold Macmillan, the Conservative Party was beginning to appear out of touch," Mr Howell told the Oxford University Conservative Association.

The Government's story had no longer fitted the changing public mood and "the whole climate began to set in against us." The party had lost the 1964 election.

Mr Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Rutland and Melton, a critic with strong personal loyalty to the Prime Minister, sent her his recent speech to his local party in which he said there was huge instinctive support for much of what the Government had done.

But he added that the public needs to be convinced that the Government really cares about unemployment, not just in the sense of feeling it to be a bad thing, but having targets for reducing it" and giving it the same drive and urgency as the conquest of inflation.

A frequently heard complaint among government supporters is that ministers are arousing needless hostility by tackling too many vexed matters.

There is grave anxiety that proposals to abolish or radically change the state earnings-related pension, which the Cabinet is expected to agree today, will offend more voters than they please.

But one area where the Government will have to act, or else face real trouble from its supporters, is over rating reform.

There was relief when Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, confirmed in the Commons yesterday that there will be no revaluation in England and Wales until the system is reformed, which means until after the next general election.

Ministers are appalled at the anger that revaluation has aroused in Scotland among domestic ratepayers. The further delay in England and Wales, where there has been no revaluation since 1973, is based solely on the Government's belief in self-preservation.



Mr David Howell: "Similarity to 60s."

Bank report soon on JMB debacle

The Bank of England will give an account of the near-collapse and subsequent rescue of Johnson Matthey Bankers in its annual report. Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, disclosed yesterday. The Bank's annual report is due out in about five weeks.

It will be the first official version of the debacle which involved the Bank of England buying the bullion bank for £1 after it lost up to £250 million on commercial lending. Since the rescue last October both the Bank of England and Treasury have consistently refused to talk publicly about the affair.

A separate report on the supervisory lessons to be learnt from the affair is also due to be sent to Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, towards the end of this month and there are growing indications this will also be published.

Cliff deaths 'caused by negligence'

By Richard Dowden

The parents of two of the four children swept to their deaths at Land's End on Monday have accused the organizers of the school party of gross negligence and covering up the facts.

Mr Robert Lamden, the father of Ricci, aged 11, said yesterday: "They were not supervised and they should have been. They were only young children, not even teenagers, and to allow them their unchecked freedom on those cliffs amounts to gross negligence."

Mr Alec Askew, head teacher of Stoke Poges Middle School, who organized the trip, said that he accepted full responsibility for what happened but denied that he was negligent.

Mr Askew, who is writing a report for the Chief Education Officer of Buckinghamshire, visited the parents of the dead children yesterday.

When he called at the Lamden's house in Stoke Court Drive, Mrs Rita Lamden would not let him in. She said that their 20-minute conversation on the doorstep was "quite heavy".

Mr Lamden and his wife have just returned from Cornwall where they interviewed a number of witnesses. Yesterday they spoke with children who were with the five swept into the sea.

Mrs Lamden accused Mr Askew of not telling the whole truth and of shifting the blame. They were supported by Mr and Mrs James Holloway, the parents of another victim.

Mr Lamden said that when they got out of the coach the only thing the children were told was not to run. A number made their way down to the sea.

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Fortieth anniversary of VE-Day brings together the Queen, her people,



Forty years on: As Roy Coates (centre), a former RAF flight engineer, dances, the Queen Mother and Prince Edward (left) and Princess Margaret and the Prince and Princess Michael of Kent (right) in Westminster Abbey.

Gorbachov-Reagan exchange

Peace goal for war allies

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov and President Reagan pledged to work harder for world peace and disarmament in telegrams they exchanged yesterday in commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Both messages were cordial and cited the wartime co-operation between the Soviet Union and the United States as evidence that the nations can work together towards a common goal.

The telegrams were in marked contrast to speeches given by both leaders yesterday – Mr Reagan to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, where he condemned Soviet foreign policy, and Mr Gorbachov at a solemn Kremlin meeting in which he termed US foreign policy a "constant negative factor" in international relations.

Mr Reagan's letter said: "The fortieth anniversary of the victory in Europe is an occasion for both of our countries to remember the sacrifice of those men and women everywhere who gave the last full measure of devotion to the cause of fighting tyranny.

"Together with our other allies, our two countries played a full part in that long struggle. We demonstrated that despite our differences we can join together in successful common efforts.

"I believe we should also see this solemn occasion as an opportunity to look forward to the future with vision and hope. I would like our countries to join in rededication to the task of overcoming the differences between us, and in renewed progress toward the goals of making peace more stable and climinating nuclear weapons from the face of the earth. By pursuing those goals, we will truly honour those whose memory we commemorate today."

Mr Gorbachov's message read: "Marking the day of the great victory over Hitlerite fascism, which was won 40 years ago by the Soviet people and the peoples of other Allied countries, we remember also the spirit of co-operation which united us all in the struggle against the common enemy. We do justice to the contribution made by the American people to achieving the victory, to the memory of those Americans who fell on the battlefields.

"Also today all should remember the main lesson of that most ruthless and devastating war ever known by mankind. The essence of that lesson is that a responsible approach to preserving peace and strengthening international security is required from all states and their leaders. The Soviet Union is prepared to co-operate with the United States of America to accomplish on this basis the task of preventing a nuclear catastrophe and fully eliminatng nuclear weapons.

"The peoples of the United States of America and other countries may rest assured that the Soviet Union will continue seeking this noble goal."

Gorbachov cites West for collusion

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was not a personal experience for most people, but had left a legacy which influenced the world. It was "massive political sclerosis" not to remember that Western capitalists had armed the Nazis and directed them at the East. It was the ultimate in political irresponsiblity.

"Time will never absolve the Western leaders of responsibility for a catastrophe that could have been averted had they not been blinded by hatred for socialism," he said, but made no mention of the Nazi-Soviet Pact signed by Molotov and Ribbentrop in August 1939, which provided for the division of Poland and lasted until Hitler invaded Russia in June 1941.

Mr Gorbachov called for vigilance against today's imperialists, who, having failed to roll back Communism, were again pushing the world toward a precipice – "this time a nuclear one".

Mr Gorbachov said the past had taught Russia never to let its adversaries upset the military balance.

Time to remember and forget

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verse: "Lord make the nations see, that men should brothers be."

To the words of "Praise my soul the King of heaven", which rang below the same roof on the same day in 1945, the veterans paraded their standards, and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev John Paterson, gave thanks for "the sober satisfaction, when hostilities ceased, of duty done, a tyranny overthrown, and captives liberated."

To the stir of Arthur Bliss's *Ceremonial Prelude*, the clergy lit candles by the grave of the Unknown Warrior and processed them to be set round the Easter Candle, the symbol of the Resurrection.

It was, second, a service of penitence. Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, president of the Royal British Legion, read from Isaiah: "Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I; send me."

Cardinal Hume, in brilliant archepiscopal red against the sober black of the Moderator, sought Almighty forgiveness "for our inability, at enormous cost, to resolve our conflicts, between or within nations, by peaceful means".

From the ethereal depths of the abbey, its gloom dispelled by the banks of television lights, floated Arnold Bax's anthem: "Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways."

It was, third, a service of reconciliation and healing. Miss Sue Mallett, a nurse from Westminster Hospital, read from Matthew of "the mote in thine own eye", which in the New English Bible has become "a log to the speck in the eye of your brother".

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, who was a tank commander in the liberation of The Netherlands, delivered a sermon flavoured with his own recall: "After the Somme and Passchendale we were not victims of any great illusion. We knew that war was ugly, but it was the lesser of two evils."

It was right, he said, to remember the good that could be set against grief. "Part of the Christian answer to the eternal riddle of evil is that great afflictions call forth great virtues, public and private." The war "was a summons to everyone to put a brave face on private pain, so that the face of others should not be clouded".

The conflict, he recognized, was not a panacea for every ill. "The victory which closed down Belsen, Buchenwald and Auchwitz is in itself sufficient cause for thanksgiving. But the war has also given us a 40-year breathing space in Europe, and the time has not been wasted."

That the world was still not entirely at peace did not go unrecognized. "There is no retirement from the service of God, or from the struggle to establish his reign of love and justice upon earth.

"The organized life of groups and nations continues to be a struggle to dominate or to avoid domination. The appalling dangers of this, at a time when our capacity for destruction is so immeasurably greater than it was in the Second World War, are obvious."

It was, finally, a service of hope and dedication. The Duke of Edinburgh, ignoring the version printed in the order of service, chose instead the New English Bible to read from Paul to the Philippians: "If there be any virtue and if there be any praise think on these things."

We knew Jews fate – Weizsäcker

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heavy sufferings which began for many Germans on May 8, 1945, during the flight and expulsion of Germans from the East. But Germans must not see the end of the war as the cause of those sufferings. The cause lay instead "in the beginning of that regime of violence that led to the war. We must not separate May 8, 1945, from January 30, 1933" (the date Hitler became Chancellor).

Herr von Weizsäcker also included a carefully-balanced passage, which will anger the Soviet Union, about the contribution of the Nazi-Soviet pact of August 23, 1939, to the outbreak of the war a week later. He pointed out that the pact's secret protocol arranged the division of Poland between Germany and the Soviet Union.

"The treaty was concluded to make possible Hitler's invasion of Poland. The then Soviet leadership were aware of that." He took care to add: "But that does not reduce German guilt for the outbreak of war.

Communist official attacks pit strike leadership tactics

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

A scathing attack on the tactics of the leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers during the 12-month miners' strike has been made by a senior official of the Communist Party in a pamphlet now being rewritten because the original was judged to be too sensitive.

The 40-page draft was written by Mr Peter Carter, the party's national industrial organizer, but the party's political committee decided that it could not be published in its present form.

In the draft Mr Carter makes three central allegations against the NUM leadership without naming any individual: the refusal to condemn picket line violence alienated the public and large sections of the labour movement; the decision not to hold a ballot of the membership meant that the union could not rely on the support of other unions; and the strategy that the dispute could be won by effective mass picketing was mistaken.

The draft also makes clear that any moves to expel the Nottinghamshire area from the NUM because of breaches of rules and the fact that miners in the area worked throughout the strike would "seriously undermine the strength of the union, probably taking decades to recover".

Internal communist politics have played a part in the report being suppressed because although Mr Carter is regarded as a Euro-communist the critique of the strike was still too hard-hitting for the Euro-communists control the party executive.

The rewritten pamphlet is unlikely to be published before next week's critical party congress, where the Euro-communists are expected to win a decisive victory over hardliners.

Mr Carter also says that the miners failed to mobilize wide support for their cause and their failure to do so could not be blamed solely on opposition from right-wing union leaders in the power supply industry.

● The National Coal Board last night hit back at fresh accusations that it was attempting to close collieries in defiance of agreed procedure (Barrie Clement writes).

Mr Merrik Spanton, board member for personnel, assured pit unions that no mine would close without the opportunity of consultation under the colliery review system.

The controversy arose over a board announcement that 3,000 jobs could be lost in the North-east of England with the probable rundown of the loss-making Horden colliery in Co Durham and Bates in Northumberland together with the Whitburn workshops on south Tyneside.

US-based hotel chain launched

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Mr Harry Goodman's Intasun Leisure is joining the US-based Ramada Hotels, the world's third largest hotel chain, to set up a joint venture company to develop a United Kingdom hotel chain which will be managed under the Ramada banner.

The deal was signed yesterday after all-day talks involving Mr Goodman and Mr Dan Mosczyts, Ramada's senior vice-president for development in Europe and the Middle East.

Intasun, which is increasingly diversifying into new products, has been keen to move into the hotel business and was beaten in a bid to secure the Comfort Hotels chain. Intasun has one hotel at the Barbican in London, which may come under the Ramada management.

The joint company is being capitalized at £35 million and will ahve around £100 million to invest quickly in establishing a UK schain under Ramada management, Mr Mosczyts said. He added: "The intention is to have a strong financial partner to help us penetrate the UK market at a much faster pace then would have been possible

Ramada had already signalled its intention to expand in Britain, aiming at 10 hotels within six years. It expects now to achieve this number in five years at most.

Essex new town unveiled

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

A controversial plan for a new country town of 14,000 people near Thurrock in Essex, in the middle of the Green Belt, was unveiled yesterday by Consortium Developments, representing nine of Britain's largest housebuilders.

The town, on a 760-acre site at Tillingham Hall, between West Horndon and Bulphan, bordering the A128 and four miles from the M25, is planned to have 5,100 houses estimated to cost £400-500 million.

An immediate response from the Council for the Protection of Rural England was that the plan was "a massive head-on challenge to national Green Belt policies which we shall resist firmly". Thurrock District Council planning committee has already stated its opposition.

The Royal Town Planning Institute gave a cautious welcome to the scheme, but Consortium Developments expects to have to put its case at a public inquiry. The timetable might be a public inquiry by the end of the year, a decision by September 1986, work started by September 1987 and the first houses for sale one year later, with the whole development taking 10 years.

The site is two farms, producing wheat and rape seed, and fulfilling the consotrium's intention to acquire "poorish" agricultural land. It is the first of several areas earmarked by the company for new towns in the South-east, some in Green Belt areas.

When it was formed two years ago, Consortium Developments, whose members include Barratt, Wimpey, Bovis and Ideal Homes, planned up to 15 new towns. it is now looking at about six, and expects to lodge planning applications for two more by the end of this year.

The plans are a reponse to estimates that there will be a shortage of 250,000 new homes in the South-east by 1991.

Consortium Developments will provide capital for the services in the town, eliminating the need for public sector investment. The company plans to pay for roads, sewers, landscaping, recreation and community facilities and make substantial contributions to the cost of schools and health centres.

Housing will range from one-bedroom starter homes to four-bedroom executive houses.

Apart from employment created in the building of the town, it is intended to provide between 2,000 and 3,000 jobs in offices, light industry and high technology work.

Big traffic jams ahead on M1

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Extremely lengthy traffic jams could occur on a short stretch of the M1 near Hemel Hempstead, in Hertfordshire, during road surface repair work in July.

Mr Lynda Chalker, Minister of Transport, admitted yesterday that tail-backs could build up at a rate of 10 miles every hour if a breakdown occurred when the northbound carriageway was closed for a fortnight at the beginning of the month.

Crisis measures are being taken by the Department of Transport to warn motorists well in advance, including thousands of commuters in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, who are advised to go to work by train for the first half of July.

A million leaflets are being distributed warning of possible delays, and heavy breakdown vehicles will be stationed on site.

A bridge crossing the motorway prevents simply adding a new surface to the existing road as this would make clearance too low for big lorries and coaches. Successive ministers have postponed renewing a 25-year-old stretch of the motorway built to carry less than half its present traffic of up to 140,000 vehicles a day.

The existing concrete surface is breaking up and could become dangerous if neglected.

Contractors will work day and night to strip the old surface off, rebuild the foundations and cover the road with new bitumen that should last for 20 years. They face heavy penalties if they fail to keep to the timetable.

While the northbound carriageway is being repaired, traffic will be diverted to two contraflow lanes, using the southbound hard shoulder.

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'Sun' condemned over 'Royal kidnap' story

The Sun is criticized by the Press Council today for publishing an unsubstantiated front page lead story alleging an IRA plot to kidnap royal children.

The council condemned the failure of the editor, Mr Kelvin MacKenzie, to co-operate promptly with the police and censured the paper for another front page lead story that Lord Althorp, brother of the Princess of Wales, was selling his home because the police had warned him he could be a terrorist target. No such warning had been given. The story was unsubstantiated and inaccurate the Press Council said.

Three complaints were made by the Metropolitan Police.

BBC play about Falklands war

BBC Television is to screen a three-hour dramatized account of the Falklands conflict next year at the request of its director-general, Mr Alasdair Milne.

The play, by Ian Curteis, will focus on the political dimensions of the conflict in Downing Street, the White House and the junta headquarters in Buenos Aires, but will not move to the battlefield or tackle such questions as the sinking of the General Belgrano.

Rates rebels say defiance campaign goes on

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Opponents or outright abolition of the Greater London Council and metropolitan county councils believe they can outwit the Government. The defeat of the Government in the Lords on Tuesday in debates about road maintenance and landscape protection after abolition has given opponents of all parties new heart.

Ministers continue to insist that they will not countenance anything that gives the seven threatened councils a "life after death." But students of the Government's extraordinary complex abolition programme believe that the clue to some sort of continued existence for the seven can be found in the Government's own proposals.

There is an all-party belief that ministers who say that they will not create miniature versions of the threatened councils have already invented their prototypes. Opponents are pinning their hopes on some of the most obscure sections of the remotest parts of the abolition programme.

Deep in the thickets of the legislation being debated in the Lords is a proposal to set up a "residuary body" in each of the seven areas covered by a threatened council. Its job would be to mop up any fragments of the work of the threatened councils that could not be fitted in easily elsewhere.

Most of the councils' work is meant to go to existing borough and district councils or boards of members of several of those councils. Each "residuary body" is meant to wait in the background to mop up anything that is left over.

The bodies are supposed to be quangos which will abolish themselves in a few years once they have managed to find suitable resting places for the tasks left to them at the time of abolition of the seven councils next April.

Opponents of the Government's post-abolition patchwork want to bring the residuary bodies forward to a much more positive and conspicuous role in which they might become new directly-elected councils to replace those which the Government is determined to scrap.

Clues suggest that the Government is being pushed some way in that direction. First, ministers want the residuary bodies to start work on abolition at least six months before it takes place. They want the bodies to offer jobs to key staff in the threatened councils.

Second, Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Local Government, said late last year that "there might be a role for the residuary bodies in maintaining some services for their own use and, on a repayment basis, as a service to others".

● Leaders of the rates rebellion said yesterday that their campaign of defiance would continue in spite of the unexpected surrender of Sheffield City Council on Tuesday. Labour councillors in London expect to hear from Mr Brian Skinner, metropolitan district auditor, this week that retribution will be quick if they do not fix legal rates this month.

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Strategy right minister insists

By Ronald Faux

A staunch defence of the Government's record was made yesterday by Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, when the Scottish Conservative Party Conference opened under strict security at Perth.

Mr Younger admitted times were difficult for the Government and the party, but he insisted this was not because their strategy was wrong or because they were in any doubt about their aims.

It was, he said, they had approached a critical point in carrying out their task. They had to answer their critics with sound and reasoned arguments and keep to the strategy the electorate wished them to see through.

It was an uncomprising speech in which he made clear that too many of the Government's achievements in Scotland were being ignored.

During the past four years, he said, £1.3 billion of new industry had been attracted to Scotland, creating 30,000 new jobs. This was under-pinned by an improved productivity record in Scottish industry and an increase in manufacturing output that nearly doubled the United Kingdom as a whole.

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£25m extension at Barkers

Barkers, the department store in Kensington High Street, west London, is to be redeveloped at a cost of £25 million (our Architecture Correspondent writes).

Planning approval has been given by the Greater London Council for two new buildings behind the listed facade: a smaller department store to be run by Barkers and retail units and 230,000 sq ft of offices.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 25; Belgium B frs 80; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 70 cents; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mrk 9.00; France Frs 8.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 120; Holland G 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2400; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 9.00; Norway Kr 9.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 150; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 9.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Dm 800; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Dm 350

The family survives

The British family is alive and well and reports of its death are premature, according to an article in *New Society*.

While there has been a rise in divorce, one-parent families and cohabitating, and a fall in marriage and birth rates, most adults still marry and have children, most children are brought up by their natural parents, and most marriages continue until parted by death, Mr Robert Chester, senior lecturer in sociology at Hull University says.

"The family," he says, "remains very popular". Statistics showing, for example, that married men with two children and a non-working wife, the stereotype "nuclear family," now make up only 5 per cent of all workers are strictly true, he says.

But they are severely misleading if looked at in isolation.

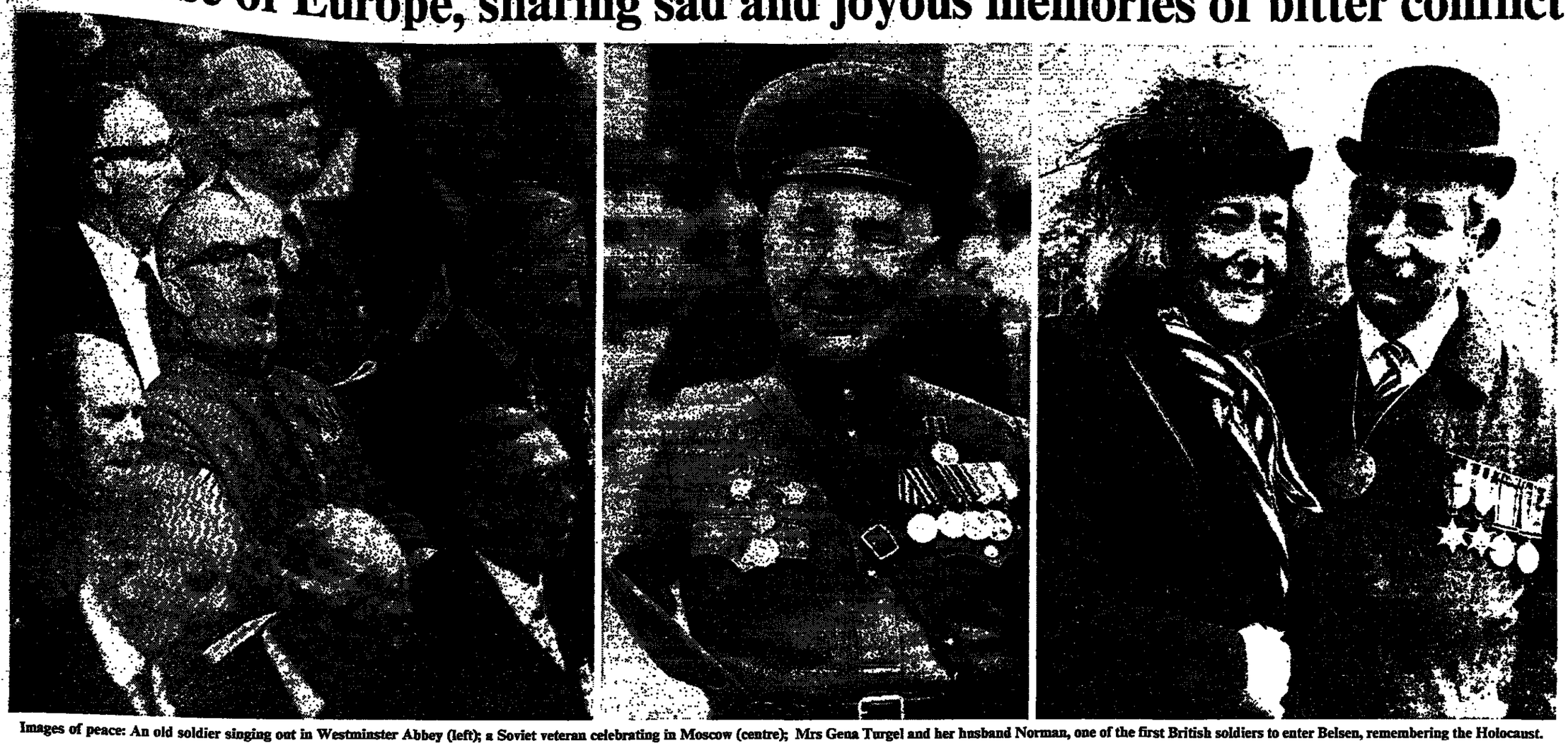
For at any one time 80 per cent of people live in households headed by a married couple.

What is true is that far more wives work, 58 per cent against 22 per cent in 1951, and remarriage after divorce is popular.

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and those of Europe, sharing sad and joyous memories of bitter conflict



Images of peace: An old soldier singing out in Westminster Abbey (left); a Soviet veteran celebrating in Moscow (centre); Mrs Gena Turgel and her husband Norman, one of the first British soldiers to enter Belsen, remembering the Holocaust.

VE-Day remembered

Nation celebrates a victory and 40 years of peace

By Alan Hamilton

Queen and commoners, old soldiers and Jewish refugees, peace campaigners and war widows, each with their own memories of the conflict and its joyous end, celebrated the fortieth anniversary of victory in Europe yesterday with a host of commemorative acts throughout the country.

The Queen and many other members of the Royal Family led worshippers in a service of thanksgiving and reconciliation at Westminster Abbey, which at the Government's specific request was not turned into a full-blown State occasion, for fear of upsetting old adversaries who are now allies. A majority of the 2,200 congregation, which included the Prime Minister and ambassadors of 85 countries, were representatives of Second World War veterans' associations.

Similar services were held in cathedrals and churches throughout the country. One of the most poignant was in the new Coventry Cathedral, which rose from the ashes of German bombing, where the guest speaker was Rabbi Hugo Gryn, a former prisoner in Auschwitz concentration camp. A service of thanksgiving in Manchester Cathedral caused some controversy; war veterans, annoyed at the left-wing city council's request that no military uniforms should be worn, are to hold their own service of remembrance on Sunday.

The Manchester service was attended by representatives from the Soviet Union and East Germany. One Mancunian with particular reason to celebrate yesterday was Mr V. E. (Victor Edward) Day, a cruise liner steward born at the moment Mr Churchill was broadcasting the first news of peace.

Reconciliation was the theme of the services. The Bishop of Manchester, the Right Rev Stanley Booth-Clibborn, reminded his congregation of the many heroic Germans who had died in Hitler's concentration camps. In Portsmouth, a city that knew the bombs too well, thousands packed the square in front of the rebuilt Guildhall, and many attended a vigil in Portsmouth Cathedral on the theme "to give thanks for 40 years of peace and to pray for the years to come".

At Derby Cathedral many members of the congregation were from Rolls-Royce, whose factories once toiled round the clock to build engines for the Spitfire and Hurricane.

For some, yesterday could only trigger memories of unbearable suffering. The Chief Rabbi, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, addressed survivors of Hitler's attempted genocide beside the holocaust memorial in Hyde Park. "There is not a single Jew here who has not got next-of-kin who died in the camps", he said.

Among those listening was an English Jew and former Intelligence Corps sergeant, Mr Norman Turgel, who had helped to liberate Belsen camp. Beside him was his wife Gena; she had been in the camp for five years and was close to death when the Allies finally burst down its gates.

Later in the day, at a speical service in Hendon Synagogue, the Chief Rabbi, himself a refugee from Nazi Germany, deplored those who would have let yesterday's anniversary pass unmarked. "We remember, not in order to keep alive or to nurture hatred. Rather do we remember so that we shall always appreciate the supreme blessing of freedomn and never take it for granted."

For other groups, yesterday was tinged with bitterness. War widows who arrived at the Cenotaph in Whitehall to lay a wreath split into two groups, neither acknowledging the other and each performing its own ceremony. The widows are divided by a political dispute about pension rights.

Moscow, memories and myths

A different war altogether

By Richard Owen

"We will never forget" a lady in a blue headscarf carrying a nylon shopping bag said. "Never". Tears welled up in her eyes. We were standing by the local railway station, in front of a large placard saying "Forty years of victory". Next to it was a big reproduction of a wartime poster depicting Mother Russia, gaunt but indomitable, finger pointing Kitchener-style. "The Motherland needs you."

Memories seem to be becoming more powerful rather than the reverse as the war itself recedes. The words "Sorokoletie" (fortieth anniversary) and "Pobieda" (victory) have by repetition taken on the symbolic force of "revolution," or "great patriotic war," the myths by which the Soviet regime lives and which justify its power. All Russians says this year's gigantic official celebrations and outpouring of patriotic emotion far exceed anything witnessed during the thirtieth or twentieth anniversaries of Hitler's defeat.

The celebrations have amounted to a sustained assault on the senses for months rather than just the past week, with victory and armed might the main themes (no talk of post-war reconciliation here). The kind of war films shown in Britain this week are shown in Russia almost every day, year in, year out. The war is always with us, Russians say. Like today's Red Square march past, the posters, speeches and endless films portray the war as a Russian rather than world-wide event.

The statistics tell a story most Westerners cannot grasp: twenty million dead, twenty five million homeless, nearly two thousand towns ruined, some 100,000 farms, 30,000 factories. According to Soviet textbooks, the Nazis threw more than 600 divisions at Russia, losing three quarters of their forces on the Eastern front, including 10 million men, and 56,000 tanks. You can still feel the impact at haunting cemeteries at Volgograd (Stalingrad) or Leningrad.

Yet memories are selective. Richard Sorge, the wartime spy is being commemorated – but not the fact that Stalin ignored his warnings of Nazi attack, or that Stalin murdered millions of Russians.

Few Russians had much to say about Stalin at all yesterday, preferring instead to recall their own sufferings and pride, or folk heroes such as Marshal Zhukov. Nor did they seem aware of other fronts, other battles in which the Western Allies bore the brunt, although Marshal Petrov, the Deputy Defence Minister, gave a rare acknowledgement of them this week.

Down by the Kremlin wall, the British, American and other Nato ambassadors laid wreaths. They seemed to be commemorating a different war altogether, and a different post-war world.

Path to success

How Ultra shortened the war

By Rodney Cowton
Defence Correspondent

Anglo-American intelligence-gathering during he Second World War, and particularly Britain's success in breaking German signals codes, may have shortened the war by three years.

This view was expressed last night on the anniversary of VE-Day by Professor F. H. Hinsley, Master of St John's College, Cambridge, and Professor of the History of International Relations. Professor Hinsley, the author of many books on the Second World War, was speaking at Keele University.

Dealing only with "high-grade decrypts for which Whitehall used the cover-name Ultra", Professor Hinsley said that at the height of the war, in 1943, the British were "reading 90,000 German signals a month and a large, although smaller volume of the Italian and Japanese wirless traffic.

It was not until early 1945 that the Germans became convinced that their "Enigma" codes had been broken.

In the first battle of Alamein in June-July 1942 intelligence "was crucial in enabling Auchinleck to prevent Rommel from breaking through to Cairo

In the Atlantic there was a long period in which the decoding of instructions to U-boats made it possible to route convoys out of their path.

He estimated that by keeping the Axis out of Egypt, intelligence brought forward the reconquest of North Africa and the reopening of the Mediterranean to Allied shipping by at least a year. By preventing the U-boats from dominating the Atlantic in the winter of 1941-42, and by being directly instrumental in defeating them there in the spring of 1943, "it probably saved the western allies another two years".

United States

Media show conflict 'over there'

By Trevor Fishlock

Europe has been brought to America in a big way in the days leading up to the 40th anniversary of VE-Day. Newspapers, magazines and television screens have been filled with reports from Britain, France, Germany and Italy, with stories of reunions and documentary coverage of the final stages of the War.

The anniversary has been seen primarily as an occasion "Over there."

A number of American war veterans have made the nostalgic trip to Europe, to the battlefields where they fought.

There has been full coverage of the part American forces played in the final days. One television channel has been showing a "Countdown to Victory" feature every morning for weeks.

Paris remembers with spectacular flag parade

Tricolours and troop review mark low-key commemoration

By Diana Geddes

A spectacular parade of tricolour and regimental flags down the Champs Elysées marked the high point of yesterday's relatively low-key ceremonies in France to mark the fortieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe. It was only the third time in just over a 100 years that the flag parade had been held.

Otherwise, the VE Day ceremonies were little different from other years, consisting mainly of a review of troops by President Mitterrand, followed by a laying of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior under the Arc de Triomphe and the playing of the Marseillaise.

The French Government had decided several months ago that the accent should be on reconciliation and peace rather than on the Allied victory. M Roland Dumas, the Foreign Minister, said France wanted to avoid "any ceremony which could give the impression that we were celebrating a victory over Germany, when in fact we are commemorating a victory over Nazism and Fascism.

When the ceremonies were first announced by the Ministry of Ex-servicemen last February, special emphasis was placed on the fact that they would be attended by representatives of all five countries which had signed the treaty bringing to an end the war in Europe

However, it appeared yesterday that no special arrangements had been made and that the five countries simply formed part of the body of foreign diplomatic representatives always invited to the May 8 and July 14 ceremonies.

ROME: An austere ceremony will take place today at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in the centre of the city (Peter Nichols writes).

The Italians do not celebrate VE-Day. Their national holiday observed on April 27 recalls the uprising of the resistance forces in the north and the end of Mussolini.

● OSLO: The war made our country poorer in material wealth, but much richer in community spirit and increased our will to defend ourselves," King Olav of Norway said yesterday. (Ulf Andenaes writes).

The commemoration in Norway was marked by a significant British presence, reflecting the strong wartime links between the countries.

The Queen joined the crowd

'We were all swept along by relief'

The Queen described yesterday for the first time how she and Princess Margaret mixed unnoticed with the crowds cheering for King George VI outside Buckingham Palace on VE night.

She said she was "terrified of being recognized" by the masses celebrating the end of the war. In desperation she tried "to pull my uniform cap well down over my eyes" – until another officer told her not to be improperly dressed.

"Therefore I had to put my cap on normally", the Queen said in an extraordinarily relaxed interview for Radio 4 during which she described VE night as "one of the most memorable of my life".

She told the interviewer, Godfrey Talbot, the former royal commentator: "I remember lines of unknown people linking arms and walking down Whitehall and we were all swept along by tides of happiness and relief."

She described how she joined the crowds cheering for another appearance by the King and Queen on the palace balcony – "and we were successful".

But she admitted: "We cheated slightly as we sent a message inside to say we were waiting outside."

The Queen began the interview remembering "the thrill and relief after the previous day's waiting for the Prime Minister's announcement of the end of the war in Europe".

"My parents went outside on to the balcony in response to the huge crowds outside. We must have gone on the balcony almost every hour – six times."

"Then when the excitement of the floodlights being switched on got through to us, all of a sudden I realized I couldn't see what the crowds were enjoying.

"My mother had put her tiara on for the occasion so we asked my parents if we could go out and see for ourselves. I remember we were terrified of being recognized so I pulled my uniform cap well down over my eyes.

"Eventually an officer amongst our party of about 16 people said he wouldn't be seen in the company of another officer improperly dressed. So I had to put my cap on normally.

"We cheered The King and Queen on the balcony and then walked miles through the streets.

"After crossing Green Park we stood outside the palace and shouted: 'We want the King' and we were successful in seeing my parents come out on the balcony."



The Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, in ATS uniform in March 1945

Thatcher's memories

Day of joy and relief in Oxford

The Prime Minister's memories of VE are of roaming the streets of Oxford and discussing the future with fellow students, and of a celebration bonfire. "We all went out in groups. Everyone wanted to be with someone, so because you wanted to share your joy together you telephoned home and always touched base with home, whether in joy or in sorrow", Mrs Margaret Thatcher told Michael Brunson in an independent television interview yesterday.

Mrs Thatcher was studying for a chemistry degree at the time, and recalls an overwhelming feeling of relief, as well as hopes that this time peace would be permanent. "I think we thought that it would be, because we had learned the lesson once after the great war. . .we did not think that we would have to re-learn it yet again".

"But do not forget, it was not finally peace. That did not come until August, and of course the atomic bomb had not then been dropped, although we all knew that work was going on on those great weapons. We all knew that to some extent it depended on who got those weapons first."

Mrs Thatcher and her fellow-students gathered to in small groups to discuss the future on VE night, she recalls. "We knew that quite a lot of work had been done and there was a kind of confidence that now the war was over and we had health and strength and we had been given a very good education, we could tackle it."

"We were not going to rely on government; we were going to be in partnership with governments. We could enter this period by our own endeavours, our own efforts, our own initiative and our own enterprise.

East Berlin's muted tribute

A time for paying court to the Russian liberator

By Roger Boyes

Unter den Linden, the broad Berlin boulevard that in a century of wars has seen victory marches come and go, yesterday echoed to the boots and the brass and the clipped commands of the East German "People's Army" celebrating the defeat of Hitler's Germany.

On the eastern side of the Berlin Wall, the fortieth anniversary of VE-Day has prompted none of the West German soul-searching, none of the awkward attempts to balance remembrance with Alliance solidarity. Instead, it has been an opportune moment for paying extravagant court to the Soviet Union, the erstwhile liberator and conqueror.

While President Reagan was in Bitburg, Herr Erich Honecker, the East German party leader, scurried to Moscow, hugged Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Russian chief, and in a joint statement, that seemed to set limits on East-West German relations, condemned West German militarism.

The parades yesterday were muted by Soviet-block standards, the first procession of the day being little more than an extension of the normal weekly changing-of-the-guard ceremony.

To march up Unter den Linden is to march down German history. At one end there is the tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Outside, soldiers of the People's Army goose-step into position. There is the square nearby where the Nazis burnt bonfires of books by "un-German authors". Down the boulevard, past the restored statue of Frederick the Great, past the Soviet Embassy, past the Brandenburg Gate, there is the Berlin Wall.

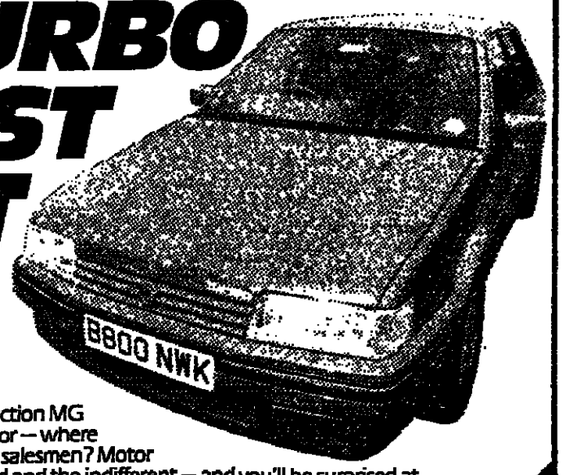
For those slipping through the Berlin Wall, it is difficult to avoid a sense of *déjà vu*

On Tuesday night, thousands of Young Pioneers and Free German Youth, clutching flaming torches, gathered at the foot of the huge Soviet war memorial in East Berlin.

The voice of a 12-year-old using a megaphone was heard throughout the park: "The blood of the sons, the sons of the revolution, the blood bled for you, too, in the hearts of the Soviet union." Then the children raised their hands in the Pioneer salute

Fortunately this is a new generation. The children could be seen later in the centre of town chewing gum, looking more like employees of an American hamburger bar than the offspring of Hitler Germany.

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England and Wales escape rates revaluation

LOCAL FINANCE

Revaluation will not take place in England and Wales before the rating system is reformed, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Environment, declared in the Commons during question time exchanges. He also made clear that the Government had no plans to bring agriculture back into rating from which it had been exempt since the 1920s.

In the face of conflicting views about a poll tax, Mr Jenkin said that over recent years, often for the best of motives, a considerable gap had opened up between those who paid, those who received and those who voted. It was that gap which lay at the heart of the accountability of local authorities which was colouring the studies the Government was undertaking into the rating system.

When Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on environment, complained of secrecy and contended a poll tax would be a tax on votes, Mr Jenkin gave an undertaking that the Government would publish its proposals for rate reform as a consultation paper. There would be ample opportunity for people to put views before there was any question of legislation.

To Conservative contentions that the education budget or at least the salaries of teachers should be transferred to the Government, Mr Jenkin said centalizing more expenditure on the Exchequer would not be an answer to the problem.

His indication that revaluation would not take place in England and Wales before the rating system was reformed, came in reply to Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP) who wanted to know if the Government intended to go ahead with revaluation in England and Wales, promised as long ago as August 1983, in view of its unhappy experience with revaluation in Scotland, or whether it was looking for a much fairer system of local income tax.

Mr John Evans (St Helens North, Lab) wanted Mr Jenkins to confirm that he had received representations from "some very highly placed persons in the Conservative Party" making the absurd suggestion that the present rating system should be replaced by a poll tax.

Will he make it clear to them (he went on) that apart from the astronomical cost of collecting and policing it, the British people would decimate any political party that sought to impose a tax on the right to vote?

Mr Jenkin replied: I have read a number of imaginative press pieces about the studies which I announced last October and I can assure him that in those studies of the whole local government finance system we are looking at alternative methods of raising revenue locally and all options are open.

Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C): The most sensible thing to do would be to transfer the cost of teachers' salaries to central government.

Mr Jenkin: Many of the complaints ministers have faced in recent years have been about increased centralization of control. It would be a major act of centralization if the Department of Education were to take over the payment of teachers' salaries.

Mr John Heddle (Mid Staffordshire, C): Would he confirm that it is not the Government's intention to impose the rates burden on agricultural land – (Labour interruptions) – and that it is the Government's intention to relieve the commercial and industrial ratepayer of the pernicious burden of vindictive and profligate Labour-controlled authorities?

Would he not agree that there is an element of the poll tax which, without safeguards, is in some respects regressive and introduces practical difficulties of up-dating the electoral register twice a year?

Mr Jenkin: I note what he has said. Agriculture has been exempt from rating since the 1920s and we have no plans to bring it back.

Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central, Lab): Are the present problems with the rating system not directly accountable to the massive cuts in rate support grant by this Government? Will he not find it impossible to come up with a fair system unless the Government restores to local authorities the money it has cut over the last six years?

Mr Jenkin: There is no pre-ordained right of local authorities to have part of their expenditure met by central government. At the heart of the studies we have undertaken is the restoration of full accountability of local authorities to those who pay and those who elect them.

Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lab): The select committee in 1972 said that a poll tax should not under any circumstances be introduced and therefore Mr Jenkins's reply to Mr Evans was very disappointing.

It is clear that a poll tax is undemocratic because the level could be set at such a level that the poor and unemployed could not afford to register and could not afford to vote compared to rich people who would have extra votes.

Mr Jenkin: At every election which the Conservatives have won it has had considerably more votes at the lower end of income than at the higher end – (Labour interruption) – because there are more of them.

On the question of raising revenue to finance local authority expenditure, it is an unsatisfactory system where in many parts of the country so few people pay towards the cost of local services which so many people are able to enjoy. It is that imbalance which seems to us to be wrong and which so many people are able to enjoy. It is that imbalance which seems to us to be wrong and which any reform must be put right.

Mr Mark Carlisle (Warrington South, C) said rates were high because local authorities were trying to finance too much public expenditure from them. The right answer could be to transfer educational expenditure, or at least teachers' salaries, from local to central Government.

Mr Jenkin: I understand the case Mr Carlisle is making. What is wrong is that a tax that is property based is having to bear so much expenditure which is not related to property at all.



Heddle: Poll tax in some respects regressive

In these circumstances there needs to be a wider tax base if local authorities are to be accountable to local ratepayers. It is no answer to the problem to centralize more expenditure on the Exchequer.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment: Are we to believe that local finance is to suffer yet another change decided in secret without proper public evidence and debate?

Does Mr Jenkin recall the recent words of the Comptroller and Auditor General who said that the rates increases could be attributed more to the reduction in the porportion of government grant than to increases in local authority spending? Unless and until the level of government support is stablized, it would be difficult for local ratepayers to distinguish how far changes the rates should be attributable to actions of the local authority.

This Government having taxed water, taxed energy and taxed health is now about to tax votes as well. Is that the prospect Mr Jenkin is offering? Does he realise that the electors of this country could fill a warehouse with broken Tory promises on the rates? (Labour cheers).

Mr Jenkin: There is widespread recognition of the need for reforming local finance. Studies are well under way. We shall publish our proposals in the form of a consultative paper and there will be ample oppportunity for all interested to put their views before there is legislation.

Later, he told Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) that he hoped to be able to announce the outcome of the Government's review of the rating system later this year.

Mr Winnick: Whatever the defects of the rating system, a poll tax would be far worse and particularly penalize these on average and small incomes.

Is it really being proposed to add a poll tax in addition to the rating system? I know he is under great pressure from the Prime Minister but it would be wiser for him to inform her that the last time a poll tax was imposed it led to the uprising of 1381. (Laughter)

Mr Jenkin: I was not aware of that. Concern is widespread. I ask him to await the outcome before jumping to conclusions.

Mr Francis Maude (North Warwickshire, C) said the cost of providing local services should fall on all of the local people. There should be no exemptions and no rebates for what I hope will be a residents charge to replace rates.

Mr Jenkin took notes of his views.

Mr Reginald Freeson (Brent East, Lab): Instead of undertaking another reform, why not republish the Layfield report? They came to the conclusion that if a poll tax were introduced it would require to have so many qualifications and exemptions it would end up, as the Select Commmittee in 1982 said, as a crude kind of local income tax.

It would be far better to go fully down that road and introduce a properly worked out local income tax system.

Mr Jenkin: There is widespread concern that many of those who benefit from local authorities services contribute little or nothing towards them. It is that which has been undermining the principle of accountability in many areas of the country. It is to this we really have to address our minds.

Mr Richard Tracey (Surbiton, C): In conducting the studies will Mr Jenkin give proper weight to the



Freeson: Introduce proper local income tax

views of business and industry where so much of the burden falls? In a recent sample by the Institute of Directors, a poll tax was supported.

Mr Jenkin: Nationally 60 per cent of revenue raised by local authorities comes from non-domestic ratepayers. It is part of the studies we are undertaking to look at ways to deal with that problem.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L): Will Mr Jenkin indicate whether it is the intention of the Government to put proposals that he and his colleagues make in the next manifesto or will there be legislation before that on reform?

Mr Jenkin: We are leaving both options open.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells, C): I am glad options are still open. Will he be cautious about raising public expectations about a poll tax which is less attractive the closer it is studied.

Mr Jenkin: If reform was easy and painless it would have been done years ago. There is a widespread feeling that the option of doing nothing is no longer open. We have to look at all possibilities.

Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab) said since the Layfield report was published the share of local expenditure financed by the Government had fallen dramatically. That was a major cause of concern.

Mr Jenkin: Many authorities have closed the gap caused by the fall in rate support grant by making savings. The Layfield report was eight years ago. I hope he does not think it wrong for the Government to have another look at this.

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C): Many of us support the transfer of non-domestic rates to the centre. The single central failing of a poll tax is that it cannot command the broad support which fundamental reform of the system must have.

Mr Jenkin: I note his point of view. All options are being looked at carefully.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab): Is Mr Jenkin not being dropped in it by the Prime Minister? If he is considering a poll tax is he also considering making registration compulsory?

Mr Jenkin: If there is going to be a form of tax, no doubt there will be laws to ensure that those who will have to pay will pay it.

Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey and Waterside, C): Can we take it that the Government is committed to replace not only domestic rates but commercial rates as well? The overriding priority of any alternative system must be the ability to pay of those to be taxed.

Mr Jenkin: Our studies embrace the entire system of local government finance, not only revenue raising but also the relationship between local and central government. It would be wrong at this stage to rule out any option.

Dr John Cunningham: If Mr Jenkins wants to reform local finance why not begin by abandoning the iniquitous system of targets and penalties? Can he name one country with a plural democratic society that uses a poll tax to raise local government finance?

Does Mr Jenkin not recognize that the whole idea of taxing people's registrations to vote is abhorrent in a democratic society? Any such system were it to be introduced would be abolished by the next Labour government.

Mr Jenkin: It is typical of the Labour Party that it promises to abolish things before they know what they are. It is typical when one looks at other things such as mortgage tax relief and capital gains on those who sell their council houses. I am not surprised he is getting a bit confused.

Peers seek equality in awards

VACCINE DAMAGE

Increased financial aid for the victims of vaccinations that went wrong, and removal of the Government's objections to European Community proposals for compensation for injuries caused by defective products, would demonstrate that critics who accused the Government of lacking compassion had got it wrong, Lord Alfan of Abbeydale (Ind) said in opening a debate in the House of lords on the inconsistencies in compensation for personal injury.

The Government's attitude to compensating the victims of criminal assaults, he said, was very different to that towards children who suffered the ill-effects of vaccines.

While £32 million was paid to victims of criminal acts in 1983-84, the Government stuck to the £10,000 set in 1979 as the maximum to be paid for individual vaccine victims. That was an astonishing stance and he wondered if it really was the Government's last word.

These payments for criminal injury (he said) are justified on the basis that compensation should be paid at public expense as an expression of public sympathy to the victims of violent crime. One wonders whether compensation is not even more justified for the victims of vaccination damage who suffer directly from action encouraged by the Government itself.

The directive on compensation for defective products had been accepted by two law commissions, a Royal Commission, the 1977 Council of Europe Convention, the French Government and the West German Parliament, a formidable list. The united Kingdom Government objected on the grounds that it would stifle initiative and impose unwelcome insurance costs on industry.

Did the Government, after nine years, see any prospect of achieving a worthwhile directive or would the result be a weak document which would allow all the parties to do whatever they wished?

Lord Winstanley (L) said that if fear and suspicion of vaccines were allowed to exist generally throughout the population the incidence of immunization generally would decline and it would be difficult for doctors to maintain it.

Lord Campbell of Alloway (C) said the disparity between £10,000 and £300,000 for the same injuries on the assumption that causation was established spoke for itself as a manifest injustice. It was time the whole scheme under the 1979 Act was abandoned.

Lord Denning (Ind) said the law relating to personal injury was riddled with inconsistencies and injustices. Lord Pearson's commission recommended that as a matter of strategic policy the duplication of compensation should be ended and the relative social security benefits should be fully offset against tort awards, but nothing had been done about it.

The "living death" cases were a problem for everybody. It arose most significantly in road traffic cases. To get compensation negligence by someone had to be proved in a court of law. Lord Pearson's commission said that it should not be on the individual to prove negligence. If people were injured in an accident like that there should be no fault liability. It could easily be paid for by a penny a gallon on petrol. That was the recommendation, but nothing had been done about it.

When judges had to assess damages in many of these cases they had to do so not knowing whether the victim would live for five years or five days. They were sure to be wrong and to award either too much or too little. It would be infinitely better to have something in the nature of periodic payments.

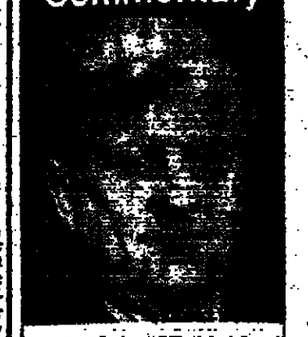
Lord Elwyn-Jones, for the Opposition, said the country lacked a coherent policy towards disabled people. The setting of the £10,000 limit for compensation for vaccine damage had been a first-aid measure to deal with an immediate situation.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said he had given up all hope of removing inconsistencies in compensation payments and some of the suggestions made might have the effect of increasing rather than diminishing them.

He had not given up hope of a coherent policy, but it was probably too ambitious at the moment. A little coherent thought ought to be applied to what was inherently an extremely difficult problem.

There had been improvements to the scheme over the past six years in real terms, not cash terms. The benefits had increased by 35 per cent, against which had to be set the increase in population, and there had been a real advance amounting to £150 million in annual expenditure.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

Mr Norman Fowler is known as one of the most effective defenders of his turf among departmental ministers and as one of the most successful orators at the Conservative Party conference. But his powers of persuasion may soon be subjected to a more stringent test.

If, either today or at a subsequent meeting, the Cabinet approves his plan to run down the state earnings related pension scheme (Serps), much will depend upon Mr Fowler's capacity to present the proposal convincingly to his own backbenchers. Unless they are behind him, he will not stand much chance of persuading the country.

At the moment there is no settled opinion among them. They are aware of the consideration of cost, and the danger that sometime early in the next century this may impose a grievous burden on the taxpayer.

But they are also sensitive to political objections, to the charge that in a spirit of earnest rectitude ministers may relieve the problems of a distant government only by losing the next election or the present one. It is all a matter of where you put the emphasis.

I do not think many Conservative MPs have too much doubt on the merits of the case. Most of them would be happy in principle to see Serps wound up or at least substantially modified. They see the role of social security as being to provide a safety net, and they are doubtful if it should really be the business of the State to provide pensions above the minimum level – especially if this means accepting an excessive obligation for the future.

Fowler should win argument

There are, it is true, some variations on this theme. One often hears it said, sometimes with more than a tremor of anxiety, that of course there must be adequate alternative arrangements. "There will be terrible political damage", one Conservative MP remarked to me, "if this scheme is chucked away without putting something in its place".

Others are aware that there will be difficulties with that something. Few occupational schemes have benefits which are index-linked so as to be covered against the full effects of inflation.

None the less, I should be surprised if Mr Fowler had too much difficulty in winning the argument on the merits of the case, provided that the figures he produces on the future cost of Serps are as frightening as MPs have been led to believe, and provided that he can present the change as a necessary part of a comprehensive and convincing social security review.

Tories worried most about votes

But politicians do not judge only on the merits of the case. It is the electoral effects that will worry most Conservative backbenchers. They know that with any reform of this nature the losers squawk more than the winners cheer.

That is likely to be all the more embarrassing in this instance because the principal losers are liable to be middle-income earners and just above – just the kind of people, in other words, who tend to vote Conservative. At this point one begins to think of the facts over student grants. Is it really necessary, a number of Conservative MPs will ask, to do this now?

Mr Fowler would find it easier to answer that question were it not for the commitment that Mrs Thatcher gave in the last election campaign. She wrote to Mr Bryanmor John, then the Labour spokesman on social security: "Nor are there any plans to change the earnings-related component of the State scheme".

There are two circumstances in which an election commitment need not be binding: if conditions have changed or if the national interest requires immediate action as a matter of overriding importance. Neither of those circumstances applies in this case. The Conservatives gave various commitments in the last election which they need not have given and should not have given. But it is democratically healthy that they should be held to them.

Some Conservatives argue that if Labour is returned to office there would be time to reverse any legislation on this question passed in this Parliament. But there are other backbenchers who maintain, I believe more convincingly, that the Government will be politically vulnerable if it does not put such a decision to the voters at the next election.

Bill to allow pubs to stay open longer

LICENSING LAW

Mr Roger Gale (Thanet North, C) was given leave under the 10-minute rule procedure to introduce the Licensing Acts (Amendment) Bill which would allow for more flexible and longer licensing hours for public houses.

He said he hoped the Bill would become law in time to allow it to be in use during the summer when there would be a record number of holidaymakers.

On the afternoon of VE Day 40 years ago, he said, a returned soldier would not have been able to go for a drink in a public house because it would have been closed. Today the situation was much the same, except that he could buy a drink in an off-licence advertising "Ice cold beer sold here" and drink it on the steps of the public house provided he committed no offence such as obstructing the highway.

The law which drove that man to that indignity was a product of an earlier war, and a broken pledge to end the Defence of the Realm Act provisions which had been continued in the Licensing Acts.

He suggested that a licensee, with the consent of licensing justices, should be permitted to open for a laid down minimum number of hours, closing at hours, on days, weeks or months when, in the licensee's judgement, there was insufficient trade to justify opening.

This season more tourists and domestic holidaymakers were expected in Britain than ever and that opportunity should not be lightly thrown away.

Liberals and the BSM

PARTY FUNDS

The British School of Motoring had effectively bought the Liberal-SDP Alliance for £188,000, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) contended during points of order in the Commons.

In return, he maintained, the Alliance had first blocked the progress of a Bill designed to raise the standard of driving instruction and then moved an amendment to it in the House of Lords. At no time was any declaration of interest made.

Mr Campbell-Savours unsuccessfully sought to persuade the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, to rule that this was a matter which should be considered by the Select Committee on Members Interests.

Mr Weatherill, however, said it was not a matter for him. The rules applied to declaration of pecuniary interest by individual members and not by political parties.

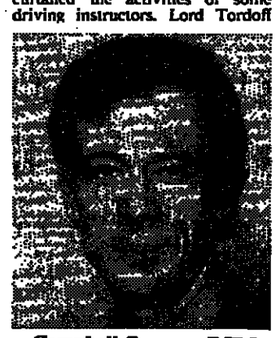
He said Mr Campbell-Savours must seek other ways of persuing his complaint, but suggested that since Mr Campbell-Savours was a member of the select committee that was the place where he should raise it.

Mr Campbell-Savours said when Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (Batley and Spen, C) brought forward her Road Traffic Instruction Bill last December it was objected to on three successive occasions by members of the Alliance.

Both the Government and the Opposition had agreed to allow the measure through on the nod as it was about raising standards of driving instruction. The Bill only cleared the House when, on the fourth attempt on January 27, the Alliance members arrived too late to object.

The Bill went to the House of Lords where on April 2 at the request of Lord Tordoff, the Liberal chief whip in the Lords, the House went into committee to deal with one amendment.

The amendment would have curtailed the activities of some driving instructors. Lord Tordoff



Campbell-Savours: BSM has taken over Alliance

spoke of a problem which was widely felt among the driving schools, particularly the larger ones. He then (Mr Campbell-Savours said) referred to the BSM who would have been financial beneficiaries if the amendment had been accepted. With Alliance support in the Commons through the use of the word "object" and Lord Tordoff's speech in the Lords, a successful attempt had been made to extract concessions from the Government to effectively protect the position of the BSM.

They all knew that MPs did speak up for outside interest. On this occasion there was a distinct difference. He was sponsored by the union Cohse from whom he received no personal remuneration but a contribution worth about £1,300 was made to his constituency at election times.

This was registered in the register of members' interests. Likewise, any Conservative MP who acted as a consultant, director or adviser similarly indicated an interest.

But (he continued) when Liberal members receive on behalf of their party a £188,000 contribution from the BSM and in return obstruct a Bill in the Commons and try to move amendments to it in the Lords, not one of them has the decency to declare it to the House.

Mr Anthony Jacobs, the chairman of BSM, had said he was not influencing the Liberal Party. The truth was Mr Jacobs had effectively bought the Alliance.

Mr Alan Beith Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) said it was an abuse of the procedures of the House to use points of order to attack the personal integrity of other MPs.

It was curious that they had not been told that the Alliance amendment was supported in the Lords by the Labour Party. It was designed to make the Bill more effective.

Opposition attack capital gains tax changes

FINANCE BILL

The Government's plans to inflation proof capital gains tax in a clause in the Finance Bill would benefit a tiny proportion of the better off in society, Dr Oonagh McDonald, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and Economic Affairs, said in the Commons in a debate on the clause during the Bill's committee stage.

She said it represented the determination of the Government to protect against the ravages of inflation the gains made by a certain section of the community, while it set its stony face against the requests of others in the community – nurses, teachers and civil servants – to have their incomes inflation proofed as well.

Some members of the Government would probably like to abolish capital gains tax at one fell stroke, but they had decided to reduce its impact by various changes, including this clause in the Finance Bill.

The Government proposed to give more money to a fairly small minority of the better off, and to do it expensively. These measures were complicated and would certainly be complicated to administer, which meant a growth in the activities not only of accountants and others but also of Inland Revenue staff.

There were some features of the changes in the clause which might mean the Government was more generous than it intended. The indexation allowance and exemption level together, for example, would allow a £50,000 portfolio to be "bed and breakfasted" every year without capital gains tax liability.

If the Government intended that it was over-generous to the better off in these straitened times, and if not, it should bring in amendments to prevent it.

The abolition of investment income surcharge and this year's changes could easily cover payment of much-needed benefit to people who were not among the idle rich, but people whom the Government had forced to be idle.

Mr Austin Mitchell (Great Grimsby, Lab) said the Government had reached its political menopause and by indexing gains it was admitting that inflation was going to accelerate.

Mr Mark Fisher (Stoke-on-Trent Central, Lab) said there was a good case for indexing at times of high inflation but the Government claimed to have cured inflation so it seemed a strange moment to make these proposals.

The clause was yet another example of how the Government was extremely sensitive to the supplications and vested interests of those who were already very well off.

Though everyone wanted to improve the performance of investment in manufacturing industry, he doubted whether a case could be made for saying these changes would actually benefit that performance. He suspected that all it was doing was benefiting those individual investors who were already very wealthy indeed.

Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said there were about 120,000 people and institutions within the areas of capital gains tax. If one took both capital gains tax, which was a tax on individuals, and corporation tax and chargeable gains, the yield was just about £1 billion.

The tax which was likely to be forgone as a result of the clause was £155 million.

An additional 455 staff would be needed by 1989. This might seem an increase in the administrative burdens of Somerset House, but the abolition of development land tax would release 250 people expert in the valuation of land and buildings who would therefore be available to take on that role in relation to capital gains tax.

He hoped MPs would be persuaded by the argument of equity that this tax should bite on real, not inflationary, gains. Whatever the amount of investment a person had, he or she was entitled through the tax system to a broad measure of equity.

The clause was carried by 225 votes to 154 – Government majority, 71.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on the Multi-Fibre Arrangement. **Lords (3):** Local Government Bill, committee, fifth day.

Pit debate refused

Two requests by Labour MPs for emergency Commons debates were turned down by the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill.

Mr John Ryman (Blyth Valley) unsuccessfully appealed for a debate on the announcement by the National Coal Board of the closure of Bates colliery in Northumberland. He accused Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, of fraud, negligence and reprehensible misconduct, and of instructing the NCB to carry out a murderous programme of pit closures.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North) asked for a debate on the threat to Islington council's jobs and services by the presence of the district auditor in the town hall this morning. He described Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for the Environment, as being the real villain in the matter.

The council had been subjected to a process of selective vindictiveness by the Government since 1979.

House improvement policy

The Government hoped to publish tomorrow (Thursday) a green paper on its proposals on housing improvement policy, Sir George Young, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said

For every £1 of public money going into house improvement and conversion, £20 came from the private sector. So it was important to introduce policies which ensured that the £20 sums were available rather than to concentrate on the £1 sums.

Move to safeguard immigrant prisoners

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The decision of a single Civil Servant resulted in a man spending almost a year in prison, a report on detention without trial in Britain said yesterday.

The man had committed no crime nor been charged with any offence. He was held under the administrative powers of detention conferred on the Home Office by the Immigration Act, 1971.

"He might well have been held longer, the Home Office's powers of detention are without formal limit." He was released after his solicitors threatened the Home Office with a writ of habeas corpus.

The report is by the Prison Reform Trust and the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants. More than a thousand people were imprisoned last year under the Act, the report said.

The man detained was admitted legally to the country but had overrun his permit to stay in order to receive further private medical treatment on an injured leg.

Today Lord Avebury will introduce in the House of Lords a Bill to extend release on bail to so-called Immigration Act prisoners. According to the council and the trust, the Bill, if successful, would introduce safeguards into a system whose rules were alien to the principles and practices of the criminal justice system.

Home Office statistics for the number of Immigration Act prisoners are at least 20 per cent below the true numbers detained, the report says.

In 1984, 598 people were detained as illegal entrants. The simplest of requirements in the Act may be breached unknowingly and still attract formidable penalties, the report says.

Isolated from the most basic judicial safeguards Immigration Act prisoners detained administratively are effectively confined to a separate system of justice.

The council and the trust call for a better appeals procedure for people facing deportation and removal. There should be restrictions on the Home Office's powers of administrative detention to bring them into line with the courts.

A Law Unto Themselves: Home Office Powers of Detention (Prison Reform Trust, Nuffield Lodge, Regents Park, London NW1 4RS, 50p).

Bias charge on benefits for blacks

By Pat Healy
Race Relations Correspondent

Black Britons with clear entitlement to benefits are being asked to produce their passports when they claim and questioned about their status under immigration laws, according to a report today.

The report, published by the Child Poverty Action Group and the Runnymmede Trust, criticizes the widespread assumption that all black people are immigrants, and asserts that the social security system is permeated with racism.

The report calls for policy to be reviewed on the connection between immigration status and benefit entitlement, liaison between the Department of Health and Social Security and immigration authorities, and the failure of the benefit system "to respond to the needs of a multicultural society".

Passport to Benefits? by Paul Gordon and Anne Newnham (CPAG, 1 Macklin Street, London WC2B 5NH, Runnymede Trust, 37a Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP £2.95).



Tatiana McLaughlin, a school leaver, switching on a computer list of jobs at the Compass Services stand at Job 85 exhibition, which was opened by Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State at the Department of Employment, at the Wembley Conference Centre in London yesterday. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst.)

Rover gears up for US

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Austin Rover is returning to the US market after four years to try to repeat the remarkable success of Jaguar, its recently privatized partner in the BL group.

At a press conference in New York yesterday, Mr Harold Musgrove, chairman and chief executive of Austin Rover, said that he was pinning his hopes on an Anglo-Japanese executive car.

Project XX will replace the large Rover saloon in Britain, but the name Rover is unknown in the United States.

Austin Rover effectively withdrew from the United States when the TR7/8 sports car went out of production in 1980.

Whitehall hampering exports

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

British companies hoping to take advantage of new export openings in the Soviet Union are being frustrated by Whitehall red tape, the Commons foreign affairs select committee was told yesterday.

The kind of bureaucratic delay traditionally associated with Soviet administrations, but occurring within the Department of Trade and Industry, is forcing some companies to give up trying to export to Russia. Other companies are experiencing delays of up to 11 months in getting export licences, which is "seriously jeopardising their business in the Soviet Union and other markets".

The barrier to improved trade was disclosed to MPs by the East European Trade Council, chaired by Lord Shackleton, which includes representatives of the Confederation of British Industry, chambers of commerce and the Bank of England.

Britain's share of trade with the Soviet Union has plummeted since 1965, when it was top of the league with 14.4 per cent of the market.

Changes in riot laws called for

Two new offences of summary riots and criminal trespass should be created to deal with those committing violence and public disorder, Mr David Jones, president of the Justices' Clerks' Society said at its annual conference in Brighton yesterday (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

With the offence of summary riots, the police would be empowered to disperse crowds when violence threatened. Failure to disperse would constitute the offence, triable only before magistrate's courts.

"We all know public disorder offences triable before a crown court range from unlawful assembly to riot, and pose many legal and practical difficulties for the prosecution", Mr Jones said.

But he explained that the new offence would include actions or threats of violence or damage by three or more people. It would be an arrestable offence to remain at or join the disturbance.

The offence of criminal trespass would be framed with disorder at sporting events especially in mind.

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Miners believed they had killed someone, girl friend tells court

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

The girlfriend of a miner charged with murder told Cardiff Crown Court yesterday that he and two colleagues knocked on her door at dawn one day and he told her that he thought they had killed someone.

Miss Carol Hopkins, aged 18, said that her boyfriend, Reginald Dean Hancock, aged 21, and his friends, Russell Shankland, aged 21, and Anthony Williams, aged 26, all of Rhymney, Mid Glamorgan, were wet and muddy when they arrived at her home in Tredegar.

She said that the three men were frightened and that Mr Williams said he told the other two "they should not have done it. They said they thought they had killed someone."

Mr Hancock sat weeping as Miss Hopkins said: "They were listening to the wireless and it came on about a man who had died. They didn't believe what happened."

Miss Hopkins addad: "Dean said they'd thrown the concrete block to block the road. They thought it had hit the car. He was not sure but they had heard it swerve. They did it to stop that man going to work."

The jury was shown clothes which Miss Hopkins had agreed to wash for the men, including a black knitted hood belonging to Mr Shankland.

The three men have pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr David Wilkie, a taxi driver, crushed to death by a 46lb concrete block as he drove Mr David Williams to work at the Merthyr Vale colliery last November.

Earlier, a police constable told how he was "frightened to death" by the sight of two men with a rock crouching over a road bridge seconds before Mr Wilkie, aged 36, the father of three children, died in his taxi.

PC Jeffrey Paul said that he was the official observer in the convey accompanying Mr David Williams. As it approached the bridge he saw two heads peering between the railings and then two men stood up.

One, he said, raised a square object above his head. "I immediately shouted to my driver: 'Rock off the bridge.' I pushed myself back into the seat of the Land-Rover because I thought it was for us."

PC Paul added: "I was frightened to death and I considered jumping off the seat into the back of the Land-Rover. The driver started accelerating and I heard a sound like hail hitting the roof and smashing glass.

"I looked back and saw the taxi veer off the road on to the grass verge. Moments before we stopped I jumped out of the Land-Rover and got down on my knees in the road and I realized we had been attacked. I could hear Mr Williams screaming. I thought they had got one of us."

The case continues today.



Some of the parents attending the meeting to hear the deal agreed with teachers (Photograph: Don Miller).

Parent-power lines up with teachers

By Patricia Clough

The little reception committee at the door of the gym this week looked slightly nervous before the start of the first eight meetings at which parents would be asked to support a deal with teachers.

"I'm not sure how many people are going to turn up", the headmaster murmured.

The deal to be put to the parents of 18,000 schoolchildren at Richmond upon Thames, Surrey, at the meeting at Orleans Comprehensive School offered one month's peace from strikes in return for public support for their pay claim, letters to their MPs and Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and as much publicity as possible.

The idea had come from the parents, not the teachers. It was born during a public meeting of local parent and school organizations last March when parents found themselves overwhelmingly in sympathy with the teachers' cause. The terms were hammered out at a private meeting with four local teacher organizations last month.

The reception committee need hardly have worried. Some 100 parents trooped into the huge, echoing, yellow-brick gym where representatives of the paretn-teacher associations for the school and three neighbouring prumary schools took the platform.

Mrs Joan Sallis, chairman of the Campaign for the Advancement of State Education, urged fellow parents to sign a resolution supporting the teachers and to write to Mr Toby Jessel, MP for Twickenham and Mr Jeremy Hanley, MP for Richmond and Barnes. A pile of envelopes, addressed to the MPs, was on the table.

Mrs Sallis siad that parent power had forced the Government into a U-turn on student grants. It could do it again with teachers' pay and career structures.

But there was little time. They had won peace until half-term. If they failed, the "most important six weeks of the year", with examinations, end-of-term meetings, activities and reports, were at risk.

A resolution was put to the meeting and carried overwhelmingly. It said: "Parents believe that teachers are undervalued and entitled to a pay structure which reflects their professional status. We urge all parties to reconvene negotiations immediately to acheive a mutually acceptable resolution of the current dispute".

Mrs Pamela MacWilliams, a parent, said afterwards: "I came because I feel very strongly about this. I think most parents do.

Mrs Margaret Pearce admitted that she had "not been 100 per cent convinced" when she came. "I had no reservations about better pay for the teachers. I just think education is in a mess. This is not going to solve everything, but at least it will help the teachers' morale".

More girls attend boys' public schools

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

Boys' public schools appear to be poaching from independent girls' schools, according to annual figures published yesterday by the Independent Schools Information Service.

A record number of girls are going to fee-paying schools, thought to be a sign of parents taking girls' education as seriously as boys', and more girls are boarders.

Public schools belonging to the Headmasters' Conference took 403 more girl boarders in 1984 and girls' schools lost 431 boarders. The number of girls boarding at preparatory schools increased by 197.

Mrs Anne Musto, president of the Girls' Schools Association and headteacher of St Felix School, Southwold, agreed that there was movement to the maintained schools from the independent sector. "One has to accept that children do tend to change schools more nowadays."

The increase in girls at independent schools to 178,448, or 42.5 per cent of the hotel, is accompanied by more children of non-commissioned officers going to private schools.

Mr Bruce McGowan, chairman of the Headmasters' Conference and headteacher of Haberdashers' Aske's School, said that all ranks in the Armed Forces were now better informed. Everyone in the forces is entitled to an education allowance of £860 a term for each of the first two children, £1,021 a term for the third and £1,064 for the fourth.

Mr Robin Peverett, chairman of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools and headteacher of Dulwich College Preparatory School, in Cranbrook, Kent, said that non-commissioned ranks were less intimidated by private schools because the schools had changed.

Hospitals 'harmed' by prosecution immunity

By Robin Young

Health and safety standards in hospitals suffer because health authorities cannot be prosecuted, the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union has claimed in a report submitted to Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment.

Mr John Edmonds, the union's industrial officer for the National Health Service, said in London yesterday that a survey had disclosed that dirty kitchens, dangerous asbestos, unsafe laboratories and water supplies liable to disseminate Legionnaires' disease were commonplace throughout British hospitals.

"We have identified individual hospitals in the report submitted to Mr King, but we are not publishing the names because it seems unfair to pick on a few when so many are at fault", he said.

Union officials believe that half the country's hospitals would be in breach of food hygiene regulations, and that as many as a tenth might be prosecuted by environmental health officers but for the immunity attaching to crown premises. Most faults are said to lie with inadequate premises and equipment.

The union is campaigning for an end to crown immunity, and says that the Government should give health authorities money which they can use to ensure compliance with safety and hygiene regulations.

A Department of Health and Social Security spokesman commented yesterday: "We expect all hospitals and health authorities to co-operate with the inspecting authorities, but they are exempt from formal prosecution. We do have our own inspectors, and have close contact with health authorities, and would act if it came to our attention that they were neglecting safety standards."

Faster world action on drugs urged

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The World Health Organization will be urged today by Mr John Patten, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health, to hasten its response to the international threat posed by hard drugs such as heroin and cocaine.

Speaking in Geneva, Mr Patten is expected to insist that instead of waiting until 1986 for world guidelines on drug abuse, as the WHO proposes, they should be produced this year, as quickly possible.

His message to the World Health Assembly, in contrast to the normal diplomatic pleasantries exchanged at such gatherings, reflects the growing concern of Western countries and follows the Bonn summit meeting, where heads of government agreed co-operative measures to combat international drug trafficking.

Mr Patten is likely to emphasize that however successful the police and customs are in combating drug trafficking, it is inevitable that large numbers of people will suffer from drug misuse for the foreseeable future.

He will outline a five-point programme to tackle the hard drugs crisis in which he will give details of the threat posed in Britain by legally prescribed minor tranquillizers.

Benzodiazepines, which include Valium and Librium, have been regarded as a safe alternative to barbiturates and other hypno-sedatives.

Children in care 'had sex'

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

Staff at a children's home who have been accused of "extraordinary passivity" and inaction over allegations of sexual acts between children in their care are being retrained by the London borough of Southwark ro run a respite and holiday home for the elderly.

A confidential report on Hollyshaw House, a home near Tunbridge Wells, Kent, run by Southwark until its closure last November, tells of sexual acts between a teenager and a boy aged six, a 17-year-old girl in care having her boy friend stay overnight six times, allegations that a former member of staff frolicked naked in the woods at night with children, a senior staff member with a drink problem and allegations of repeated sexual acts between children.

The unit, which until last year cared for 16 children, descended into a "chaotic vacuum", according to the report, highly critical of the three senior staff at the home, all of whom have now left the council's employ.

The home is being converted into a respite and holiday home for the Southwark elderly, with the remaining staff being retrained.

One of the most alarming features of the inquiry, the report says, was that while staff raised issues with senior staff at the home, "in no single instance was any effort made by staff to do anything to redress the apparent lack of action".

The report says: "the extraordinary passivity shown by staff has been accompanied by a disturbing lack of understanding for the care needs of the children."

Mr David Barnes, social services divisional manager for Southwark, said that the staff being retrained had a "clean sheet". The report was most concerned about senior staff who were no longer with the council. No disciplinary charges had been brought against the other staff

The report is the second in a week leaked from Southwark alleging serious problems in council-run homes, and neither report has been seen by the full social services committee.

Corporal 'hitched lifts with payroll team'

A soldier accused of a triple murder and payroll robbery twice hitched a lift with an Army wages team before the killings, the High Court in Edinburgh was told yesterday.

Corporal Andrew Walker, aged 31, of the Royal Scots, was picked up by an Army Land-Rover last November shortly after a pay collection in Penicuik, Lothian, and a month later was given a lift as it left Glencorse barracks near by.

Corporal Walker, who denies murder and robbery, has lodged a defence of alibi.

It is alleged he shot a retired major, David Cunningham, aged 56; Staff Sergeant Terence Hosker, aged 39, and Private John Thomson, aged 25, and robbed them of £19,000

The hearing was adjourned

Milk quota limits eased for small dairy farmers

About 40 per cent of dairy farmers in England and Wales are to have their EEC quota allocations restored to 1983 production levels (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

Although they risk a penal levy if they increase production beyond that point, they are released in 1985-86 from the blanket 9 per cent cut imposed last year.

The restored quotas will apply to all farmers producing less than 200,000 litres of milk a year.

The reallocation of extra quota has been made possible by the co-called outgoers' scheme, under which dairy farmers receive cash compensation for agreeing to cease milk production for at least five years.

TV rental chain offers shopping discounts

DER, the television and video rental arm of Thorn EMI, yesterday launched a club for customers offering discounts in high street shops, on package holidays and insurance in to boost DER's share of the flagging rental market (Derek Harris, Commercial Editor, writes).

It could injenct a new impetus in a sector not noted for its marketing innovations. Mr Christopher Goring, DER's director of marketing, said: "We want to make a visit to the rental shop something to look forward to and get away from the boredom of a line-up of winking screens."

DER, the third largest rental chain, aims to move to number two position, thanks to the discount offers. Radio Rentals and Granada are the two biggest rental companies, battling closely for market leadership.

A shopping voucher scheme will mean a 10 per cent discount at stores including Woolworth, British Home Stores, John Collier (clothing), Dewhurst (butchers) and Cordon Bleu (freezer centres).

Antique dealer charged with murdering wife

Wilfred Bull, aged 50, an antiques dealer and authority on ivory carvings, was charged yesterday with murdering his wife.

The body of Mrs Patricia Bull, aged 48, was found on Monday night at the antiques warehouse she ran with husband near their home at Goggeshall, Essex.

Mr Bull, his son, Charles, aged 20, and his daughter, Suzi, aged 24, were detained overnight in police cells at Chelmsford. Mr Bull's children were released without any charges against them.

Duke owed butler seven months pay, court told

The Duke of Devonshire's former butler told the Central Criminal Court yesterday that he had been owed seven month's wages.

Mr Desmond Callaghan said that he had a dispute with the duke over money and resigned after his son Peter, aged 26, was accused of stealing three of the duke's cheques.

Mr Callaghan, who held his job for three years, said that the duke had been careless with money.

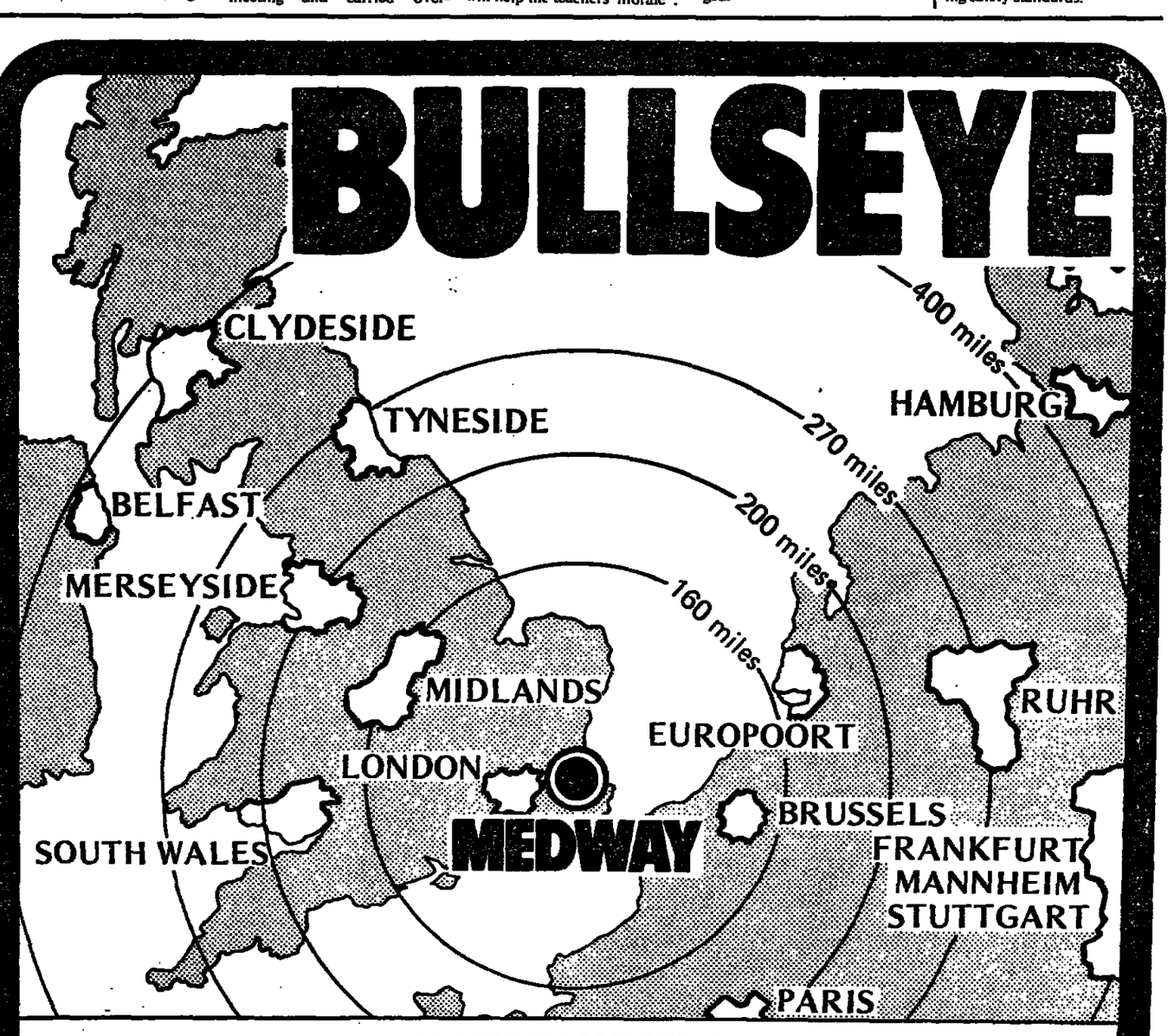
Peter Callaghan said that if he had told his parents they would have told the duke; their dismissal was a possibility, and he would have to his accommodation.

Peter Callaghan, of Leicester Street, Westminster, denies stealing three cheques from the duke. Kouzoupis, a businessman, of Hereford Road, Acton, and Andrew Shellis, aged 43, a hairdresser, of Northolt Road, Harrow, deny passing two cheques for £61,000.

The trial continues today.

Correction

Yesterday's report of the trial should have referred to the Duke of Devonshire, not the Duke of Westminster.



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Reagan hopes to see unified Europe

Following are extracts from the President's remarks to the European Parliament:

We mark today the anniversary of the liberation of Europe from tyrants who had seized this continent and plunged it into a terrible war. Forty years ago today, the guns were stilled and peace began – a peace that has become the longest of this century.

On that day 40 years ago I was at my post at an Army Air Corps installation in Culver City, California. Passing a radio I heard the words "Ladies and gentlemen, the war in Europe is over". I felt a chill, as if a gust of cold wind had just swept past, and – even though, for America, there was still a war on the Pacific front – I realized: I will never forget this moment.

If it is hard to communicate the happiness of those days, it is even harder to communicate, to those who did not share it, the depth of Europe's agony.

By this day 40 years ago, over 40 million lay dead, and the survivors composed a continent of victims. And to this day, we wonder: how did this happen? How did civilization take such a terrible turn?

Hannah Arendt spoke of "the banality of evil" – the banality of the little men who did the terrible deeds. We know they were totalitarians who used the state, which they had elevated to the level of a "God", to inflict war on peaceful nations and genocide on innocent peoples.

We know of the existence of evil in the human heart, and we know that in Nazi Germany that evil was institutionalized – given power and direction by the state and those who did its bidding. And we also know that early attempts to placate the totalitarians did not save us from war. In fact, they guaranteed it. There are lessons to be learned in this and never forgotten.

But perhaps the greatest triumph of all was not in the realm of a sound defence or material achievement.

No, the greatest triumph after the war is that in spite of all the chaos, poverty, sickness and misfortune that plagued this continent, the people of Western Europe resisted the call of new tyrants and the lure of their seductive ideologies. Your nations did not become the breeding ground for new extremist philosophies.

In this room are those who fought on opposite sides 40 years ago, and their sons and daughters. Now you work together to lead Europe democratically. You buried animosity and hatred in the rubble. There is no greater testament to reconciliation and to the peaceful unity of Europe than the men and women in this chamber.

In the decades after the war, Europe knew great growth and power, amazing vitality in every area of life. Europe was robust and alive, and none of this was an accident. It was the natural result of freedom, the natural fruit of the democratic ideal. We in America looked at Europe and called her what she was: an economic miracle. We welcome the entrance of Spain and Portugal into that community, for their presence makes for a stronger Europe, and a stronger Europe is a stronger West.

Yet despite Europe's economic miracle . . . I hear words like "Europessimism" and "Europaralysis". I am told that Europe seems to have lost the sense of confidence that dominated that postwar era. If there is something of a "lost" quality these days, is it connected to the fact that some, in the past few years, have begun to question the ideals and philosophies that have guided the West for centuries? That some have even come to question the moral and intellectual worth of the West?

We in the West have much to be thankful for – peace, prosperity, and freedom. If we are to preserve these for our children, and for theirs, today's leaders must demonstrate the same resolve and sense of vision which inspired Churchill, Adenauer, De Gasperi, and Schuman. Their challenge was to rebuild a democratic Europe under the shadow of Soviet power. Our task, in some ways even more daunting, is to keep the peace with an ever more powerful Soviet Union, to introduce greater stability in our relationship with it, and to live together in a world in which our values can prosper.

From the creation of NATO in 1949 through the early 1970s, Soviet aggression was effectively deterred; the decisive factor must have been the countervailing power – ultimately, military, and, above all, nuclear power – which the West was capable of bringing to bear in the defense of its interests.



President Reagan: No time for 'Euro-pessimists'

It was in the early 1970s that the United States lost that superiority over the Soviet Union in strategic nuclear weapons which had characterized the postwar era.

In Europe this was not quickly perceptible. But seen globally, Soviet conduct changed markedly and dangerously. First in Angola in 1975, then, when the West failed to respond, in Ethiopia, in South Yemen, in Kampuchea, and ultimately in Afghanistan, the Soviet Union began courting more risks, and expanding its influence through the indirect and direct application of military power. Today, we see similar Soviet efforts to profit from and stimulate regional conflicts in Central America.

One might draw the conclusion that the West should reassert that nuclear superiority over the Soviet Union upon which our security and our strategy rested through the postwar era. That is not my view. We cannot and should not seek to build our peace and freedom perpetually upon the basis of expanding nuclear arsenals.

In the short run, we have no alternative but to compete with the Soviet Union in this field, not in the pursuit of superiority, but merely of balance.

The Soviet Union, however, does not share our view of what constitutes a stable nuclear balance. It has chosen, instead, to build nuclear forces clearly designed to strike first, and thus to disarm their adversary.

We can ask the Soviet Union to reduce its offensive systems through equitable, verifiable arms control measures. We are pressing that case in Geneva. Thus far, however, we have heard nothing new.

A second possibility would be for the West to step up our current modernization effort to keep up with constantly accelerating Soviet deployments, not to regain superiority, but merely to keep up with Soviet deployments. But is this really an acceptable alternative? Must we accept an endless process of nuclear arms competition? I don't think so. We need a better guarantee of peace than that.

Fortunately, there is a third possibility. It is to offset the continued Soviet offensive build-up in destabilizing weapons by developing defenses against these weapons. In 1983, I launched a new research program – the Strategic Defence Initiative.

This research programme will take time. As we proceed with it, we will remain within existing treaty constraints. We will also consult in the closest possible fashion with our allies. And when the time for decisions on the possible production and deployment of such systems comes, we must and will discuss and negotiate these issues with the Soviet Union.

During the 1970s we went to great lengths to restrain unilaterally our strategic weapons programs out of the conviction that the Soviet Union would adhere to certain rules in its conduct – rules such as neither side seeking to gain unilateral advantage at the expense of the other. Those efforts of the early 1970s resulted in some improvements in Europe. But the hopes for a broader and lasting moderation of the East-West competition foundered in Angola, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Nicaragua.

Ultimately, I hope the leaders of the Soviet Union will come to understand that they have nothing to gain from attempts to achieve military superiority or to spread their dominance by force, but have much to gain from joining the West in mutual arms reduction and expanding cooperation.

We in the West have much to do – and we must do it together, we must remain unified in the face of attempts to divide us and strong in spite of attempts to weaken us. And we must remember that our unity and strength are not a mere impulse of like-minded allies, but the natural result of our shared love for liberty.

I want to reaffirm to the people of Europe the constancy of the American purpose. We were at your side through two great wars. We have been at your side through 40 years of a sometimes painful peace. We are at your side today because, like you, we have not veered from the ideals of the West – the ideals of freedom, liberty, and peace. Let no one – no one – doubt our purpose.

Here in Western Europe, you have created a multi-national democratic community in which there is a free flow of people, of information, of goods and of culture. West Europeans move freely in all directions, sharing and partaking of each other's ideas and culture. It is my hope, our hope, that in the 21st century – which is only 15 years away – all Europeans, from Moscow to Lisbon, will be able to travel without a passport and the free flow of people and ideas will include the other half of Europe. It is my fervent wish that in the next century there will be one, free Europe.

We have much to do. The work ahead is not unlike the building of a great cathedral. The work is slow, complicated and painstaking. It is passed on with pride from generation to generation. It is the work not only of leaders but of ordinary people.

And if you doubt your will, and your spirit, and your strength to stand for something, think of those people 40 years ago – who wept in the rubble, who laughed in the streets, who paraded across Europe, who cheered Churchill with love and devotion and who sang the "Marseillaise" down the boulevards. Spirit like that does not disappear. It cannot perish; it will not go away. There's too much left unsung within it.

Eleven killed as rioting sweeps township where union leader died

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

At least 11 people are reported dead after savage fighting between migrant workers and permanent residents of the black township of Tsakane, about 20 miles east of Johannesburg, on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

It was in this township that a prominent black trade unionist, Mr Andries Raditsela, was detained by police for several hours on Saturday. He died in hospital 48 hours later, allegedly from head injuries.

Police, who refuse to explain how Mr Raditsela, aged 29, came to need hospital treatment, say he was held under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act, which allows detention for 48 hours without warrant of anyone deemed likely to further riots or disturbance.

A postmortem examination is to be carried out today in the presence of a pathologist hired by lawyers representing the dead man's family.

Opposition politicians and academics have joined union officials in calling for an inquiry. Mr Raditsela was on the national executive committee of the Federation of South African Trade Unions, one of two main groups of independent black unions.

Residents said the fighting in Tsakane began when angry bands of youths set fire to a beer hall at a hostel housing tens of thousands of mainly Zulu and Xhosa migrant workers. The migrants went on the rampage and smashed residents' windows.

Fighting with hatchets and pangas went on throughout the night, and by yesterday the hostel was a smouldering ruin. Many township roads were blocked with makeshift barricades and littered with stones and rubbish.

At noon soldiers and police in armoured carriers were separating the factions, while representatives of both sides sought a truce. Residents are understood to be demanding the hostel dwellers leave.

Migrants have no rights of permanent residence in townships, but are allowed to stay only for the duration of a specific job contract.

Conditions in the hostels are often squalid.

● The managing director of South African Associated Newspapers, Mr Clive Kinsley, has been granted early retirement at his request, the company announced yesterday. It was Mr Kinsley who in March announced the closure of the *Rand Daily Mail*, South Africa's leading anti-apartheid newspaper, and its replacement by a new and politically anodyne financial daily, *Business Day*.

A hat fit for a Pope – almost

Bruges (Reuter) – The church tailors Slabbinck of Bruges lavished 100 hours of work on a bishop's hat for the Pope to wear on his Belgian tour starting next week, then learnt it was the wrong size.

"The Pope's master of ceremonies, Father John Magee, an Irish priest, has the same hat size and found it was too narrow," said Mr Dirk Slabbinck, whose firm supplies some of the world's best dressed churchmen.

So a hand embroiderer, Mr Norbert Gilbert, pored over his gold-thread needlework on a new version of the mitre, illustrating the Slabbinck boast that their work demands monastic patience as well as a sharp eye and steady hand.

The mitre, paid for by an unnamed Belgian benefactor, is the familiar tall shape with a cleft top, and features exquisitely sewn figures of Saints Peter, John and Paul.

Dirk and Marc Slabbinck, the brothers who own Art Studio Slabbinck, expect that the Pope will wear the mitre and a matching gold and grey chasuble at a huge open-air Mass in Brussels on May 19.

But with the Pope, as with other clients, the Slabbincks cannot be sure that a creation of theirs will be worn at a particular religious service.

Mr Marc Slabbinck disclaims any right to the title of the Pope's tailor saying: "Most of his vestments are made by sisters in his own workshop."

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Tebbit warns US about budget deficit dangers

From Bailey Morris Washington

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, warned yesterday that persistent US Budget and trade deficits constitute as big a threat to the world trading system as Japan's huge trade surpluses.

In his first official visit to Washington since the Brighton bombing, Mr Tebbit also discussed the next step in launching a global round of trade negotiations which Britain and other western nations support despite strong French opposition.

Mr Tebbit told congressional officials that Britain remains opposed to US efforts to extend extra-territorial controls to UK high technology products and the application of US anti-trust laws to British companies.

"We enforce strictly those controls which we have agreed with our Cocom partners to be necessary in the interest of western security," he said.

Mr Tebbit's remarks were made on a day in which the Reagan administration reported another widening of its record trade deficit in the first quarter to $28.3 billion and the Senate resumed its week-long effort to break a deadlock over a compromise budget reduction.

The $52 billion plan, supported by the White House has been rejected by both parties. Mr Robert Dole, the Majority leader, is attempting to delay a final vote until President Reagan returns from Europe.

Mr Tebbit was briefed by Mr William Brock, the outgoing US trade representative and others on the growing mood of protectionism in Congress.

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Lagos leads high-price cities

From Alan McGregor Geneva

For the fourth successive year, Lagos has the unwelcome distinction of being named as the world's most expensive city for foreign business executives and visitors. Black market prices are exhorbitant, for example, a kilo of rice can cost as much as £14.

At the other extreme, the most inexpensive cities are in Latin America. Despite inflation at 865 per cent in Buenos Aires and 219 per cent in Rio de Janeiro, these cities are not pricey if living costs are reckoned in US dollars or other strong currencies – an entirely different matter, of course, for indigenous inhabitants.

Much the same applies for Tel Aviv (inflation 453 per cent). Tough price rises there are partly cushioned by indexation.

These conclusions are contained in the annual survey of round-the-world living costs for executives compiled by *Business International* magazines.

The comparisons do not include accommodation costs, but are based on price levels of a shopping basket of food items, drink, household supplies, clothing, domestic help, recreation and transport.

Because of the higher dollar, figures for Europe are well below that for New York. Even prices in Oslo, the most expensive city in Europe, are 13 per cent lower. The London index is 63. After Oslo come Zurich (75) and Geneva (74). Lisbon (53) is least expensive.

THE 10 MOST EXPENSIVE CITIES

	INDEX (NY=100)	ANNUAL INFLATION increase
Lagos	146	27
Tokyo	118	2.5
Teheran	116	14.5
Cairo	114	15
Chicago	102	3.5
San Francisco	101	3.5
New York	100	3.5
Taipei	100	6
Los Angeles	99	3.5
Washington	99	3.5

Engine trouble

Boston (Reuter) – A British Airways Concorde bound for New York made an emergency landing at Logan airport, Boston, after it lost power in one engine.

4 years for ex-Reagan defence aide

Washington – Mr Paul Thayer, President Reagan's former Deputy Defence Secretary, who admitted two months ago that he lied to a grand jury, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment by a federal judge yesterday for obstructing justice (Christopher Thomas writes).

He resigned from the Administration in January, admitting that he lied about his part in a stock scandal that the Government estimates resulted in a $2.5 million (£2.08 million) fraud.

Mr Thayer, aged 65, did not benefit directly, but prosecutors claimed he received indirect benefit because his actions provided profits for his girl friend.

Billy Bob Harris, a Dallas stockbroker to whom Mr Thayer passed stock tips, was also sentenced to four years' imprisonment. Fines of $5,000 were also imposed on Mr Thayer and Mr Harris.

Zhao tour

Peking (Reuter) – The Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Zhao Ziyang, will visit Britain, West Germany and the Netherlands next month in a 17-day European tour. He will meet Mrs Thatcher after arriving in London on June 2 and Hong Kong is expected to be on the agenda.

Sakharov denial

Geneva (Reuter) – The Soviet Health Minister, Mr Sergei Burenkov, told a press conference here that the dissident physicist, Dr Andrei Sakharov, was still exiled in Gorky, east of Moscow, quashing rumours in the West that he had left for West Europe.

Bombs chaos

Luxembourg (Reuter) – Two bombs toppled three electricity pylons and caused a 10-car crash injuring five people. One car hit a 56,000-volt power line lying across a motorway. The blasts were claimed by the Fighting Ecologist Movement.

Maize peace

Johannesburg (AP) – South Africa's white farmers have decided to end a five-day-old boycott of maize sales, saying the Government has agreed to negotiate on their grievances over a freeze on prices.

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Pressure grows on Sandinistas

Congress approval likely for non-military aid to Nicaraguan Contras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The White House is virtually assured of congressional approval in the coming weeks for giving $14 million of non-military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. And a new fight is under way over the provision of military assistance.

A law prohibiting military aid to the rebels expires on September 30. Senior Democrats have given top priority to renewing the law without any cut-off date, thus restraining President Reagan and future presidents from giving military assistance to the Contras.

The influential House Select Committee on Intelligence may vote for a permanent ban on military assistance today. But it is likely to look sympathetically at giving immediate "humanitarian" aid through the Agency for International Development (AID). Senior Democrats said yesterday that there is no longer a strong body of opposition to helping the rebels with medicine, clothing and food.

The White House is lobbying heavily on Capitol Hill to persuade leading Democrats to interpret "humanitarian" aid broadly enough so that items such as boots and uniforms can be provided. Democratic leaders, however, appear determined to impose a strict and narrow definition that would prevent the aid being used directly for logistical purposes.

The US trade embargo on Nicaragua has been bedevilled by misunderstandings about whether existing contracts between the two countries should be honoured. Officials were still trying to sort out the precise position yesterday. It meant that some of the final regulations on the ban still had not been formally issued, although the ban was supposed to go into force at midnight on Monday.

Mr Langhorne Motley, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, said in congressional testimony that the embargo against Nicaragua would have no perceptible adverse impact on the US economy, but would punish Nicaragua for "aggressive and threatening behaviour".

Other officials said the sanctions were not as tough as those imposed on Cuba and other countries. Options still open to the US included strict travel restrictions and seizure of Nicaraguan assets in the United States.

The main US victim on the Nicaraguan sanctions, it appears, is a California firm that holds an exclusive contract to distribute Nicaraguan bananas. Mr Jack Pandol, the owner, said: "The only one that gets hurt is me. The Nicaraguans will probably win this thing."

● MANAGUA: The Contras murdered, raped and kipnapped civilians, one of their leaders said after accepting a government amnesty (Reuter reports).

Mr Jose Efrain Mondragon, known as Commander Moises, said on arrival in Managua he had deserted the Contras because he had witnessed numerous crimes.

● NEW YORK: The United Nations Security Council prepared to begin a formal debate yesteday on Nicaragua's complaint about US sanctions (*Zoriana Pysariwsky writes*).

● BOSTON: nearly 650 protesters in cities across the US were arrested yesterday during demonstrations against President Reagan's Nicaraguan sanctions (Reuter reports).

Deneuve to oust Bardot as symbol of France

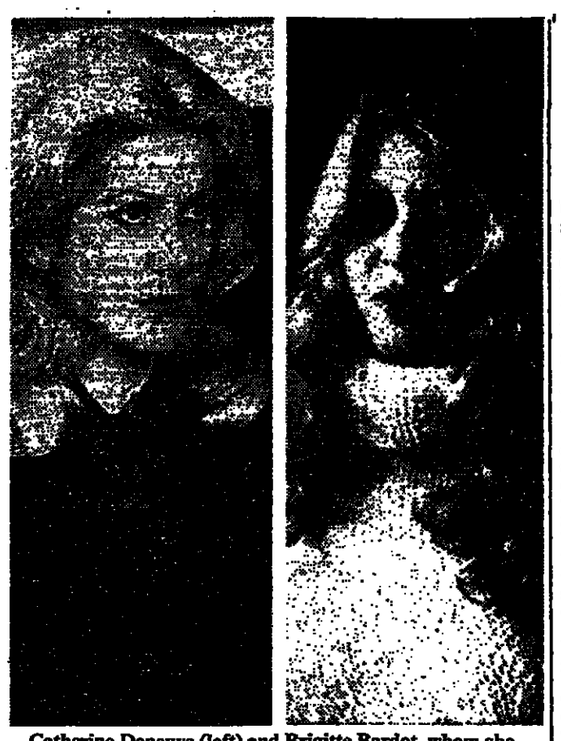
Catherine Deneuve, the 41-year-old French actress and former mistress of Roger Vadim, is to oust the 50-year-old Brigitte Bardot, Vadim's former wife, as the model for the new "Marianne", the red-bonneted symbol of the French Republic, whose statuette graces every town hall throughout France (Diana Geddes writes from Paris).

Mlle Deneuve was chosen for her latest role in a poll carried out under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture. She was selected as the most suitable "Marianne" by 36 per cent of those polled, well ahead of her nearest rival, the actress Isabelle Adjani, who obtained 14 per cent.

The other runners-up were Sylvie Vartan (9 per cent), Christine Ockrent, a television news presenter (8 per cent), Mireille Mathieu (8 per cent), Princess Caroline of Monaco (7 per cent), Mme Simone Veil (6 per cent), and Mme Edith Cresson, France's Minister for Trade and Industry (3 per cent).

Nearly half (46 per cent) considered Mlle Deneuve the most beautiful woman in France.

The ministry will now organize a competition to find the best sculpted bust of Mlle Deneuve in the guise of Marianne. The winning entry will be officially sanctioned as the new symbol of the republic, to be introduced into "mairies"



Catherine Deneuve (left) and Brigitte Bardot, whom she replaces as "Marianne".

Australian peace burden

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Australia feels that it is shouldering more than its fair share of the costs of peacekeeping around the world, according to its Foreign Minister.

Mr Bill Hayden will be visiting the United Nations military observer group for India and Pakistan

Australia gives six officers each year to the group.

Yesterday Mr Hayden said: "This burden should be shared. The costs involved in this are not large for a large country. But for a country the size of Australia it does represent a strain."

Shias forbid PLO attacks on Israel

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Amid growing friction between Shia Muslim guerrillas and members of Mr Yassir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization in southern Lebanon, Shia Muslim leaders in Beirut have been telling anti-Arafat Palestinian officials on a visit to the city that they will not permit the PLO to attack Israel from southern Lebanon now that Israel's military withdrawal is almost complete.

The most senior PLO delegation to come to the Lebanese capital since the Palestinian evacuation in 1982, had held talks with Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim Amal militia leader, and Mr Rashid Karami, the Lebanese Prime Minister, officially to co-ordinate the status of Palestinian refugee camps in the south.

Since the PLO delegation, led by pro-Syrian Palestinian groups, came with Syria's permission, they reportedly demurred to Mr Berri's insistence that southern Lebanon could not once again become a base for PLO guerrilla operations.

Mr Arafat and his colleagues pumped cash into the camps around Sidon and Tyre prior to the Israeli withdrawal and have recaptured the loyalties of many young guerrillas who have been living under Israeli occupation.

Particularly disturbing for the Lebanese Shia Muslims has been evidence that Mr Arafat's men want to re-create their hold over southern Lebanon. There was, for example, a gun battle near a high school outside Tyre this week between Amal and Palestinian guerrillas while an Amal gunman was reportedly wounded outside the Rashidiyeh Palestinian refugee camp south of the city.

The PLO men in Beirut – Mr Ahmed al-Yamani from Mr George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Mr Talal Naji of the PFLP-General Command, Mr Sami Kandil of the Syrian Saiqa Palestinian movement, Mr Abu Ali Mahdi of the anti-Arafat front within Fatah and Mr Khaled Abdul Majid of the so-called Popular Struggle Front – are anxious to assert Syrian control over the Palestinians in the south.

If crushing Arafat's influence means halting PLO attacks on Israel – which is exactly what Israel wants – then the PLO men from Damascus appear prepared to accept the idea.

In Beirut, meanwhile, a tenuous ceasefire quietened the fighting between Muslim and Christian militias yesterday

● AMMAN: A senior Palestinian official, Mr Jowced al-Ghussein, said yesterday that any attempt to resolve the Middle East issue without the participation of the PLO would fail (Reuter reports).

Speaking after talks with King Husain and the PLO leader, Mr Yassir Arafat, he added: "If the US and Israel want a peace that can be enforced, they will have to deal with the PLO. This is the choice of the Palestinians."

Britons wait it out in Costa Rica jail

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica

Two men, claiming to be former British Army officers, sit nervously in prison near San José awaiting word this week on whether they will face charges which could result in six years behind bars.

Peter Glibbery, aged 25, and John Davis, aged 23, both from Solihull, were arrested with two North Americans, one Frenchman and nine Nicaraguans on April 24 when Costa Rican police raided an anti-Sandinista guerrilla camp near the Nicaraguan border.

A judge is reviewing evidence and testimony and must decide by mid-week whether to proceed with charges against them. Costa Rican judical sources say possible charges are illegal posession of explosives and intent to commit hostile acts which could endanger Costa Rican security.

Interviewed in prison, Mr Glibbery and Mr Davis refused to be specific about their military pasts, other than to say they were both officers in the British Army and had served overseas.

They and the other three foreigners say they were recruited about two months ago by Mr Tom Posey, leader of the Alabama-based "Civilian Military Assistance" which has been sending military supplies and men to fight with the Nicaraguan rebels.

Costa Rican officials say the five were serving as military trainers and advisers to a Contra group aligned with the CIA-backed "Nicaraguan Democratic Force" (FDN), which operates out of Honduras. But in recent months several small units have begun fighting out of Northern Costa Rica, violating Costa Rica's official policy of neutrality.

Contra sources say the five are part of a newly formed international brigade, composed mainly of Cuban-Americans and supported by the CMA and other purportedly private US organizations. However, according to several ex-members of the group and Contra and Costa Rican sources, leaders of the "brigade" have ties to the CIA.

Mr Glibbery and Mr Davis are the only British citizens so far recruited by the "brigade." They are bitter about their arrest and demand that Mr Posey and local brigade organizations, including an American rancher, Mr John Hull, supply funds for their legal defence.

They appeared bewildered by the intricacies of the unfamiliar Costa Rican legal system and spoke vaguely of a "communist conspiracy" which led to their arrest.

They complained that the only legal counsel they had seen was a court-appointed advocate who could speak only a few words of English.

Mr Robert Thompson, one of the Americans arrested, said the group had been in the raided guerrilla camp only one day and had been accompanied on their trip there by a Costa Rican official. They were therefore startled at dawn the next morning when Costa Rican police entered and arrested them.

"International brigade" leaders, as well as the prisoners, say they are confused by the Costa Rican Government's actions because, they say, in the past the Costa Ricans had turned a blind eye to their activities.

"We've been shafted", said Mr Steven Carr, the other American.

Mr Glibbery became incensed when told of British press reports quoting Mr Alan Ash of Liverpool as saying that he had arranged for the Britons to fight in Nicaragua.

"That scum bag," Mr Glibbery said. He said he had no association with Mr Ash and had met him only once briefly on a Saturday night in a pub.

Nuclear revelations may damage Palme's image

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Sweden's Socialist Government in the early 1960s was prepared to abandon the country's traditional policy of neutrality, if it became necessary, and acquire nuclear weapons from either the United States or Britain.

This is among the revelations in an investigation into the murky past of Swedish defence policy published today by the technical weekly newspaper *Ny Teknik*, based on a study of formerly secret documents and interviews with previous members of the defence establishment here.

They will add fuel to the political scandal started two weeks ago when the paper revealed that the Government continued a research programme aimed at developing Swedish nuclear weapons for 18 years after it had been banned by Parliament in 1957.

Ny Teknik named the present Prime Minister Mr Olof Palme, as a member of an inner circle of the Socialist Government that knew about the programme.

Mr Palme denied that he was a member of such an inner circle and said all Swedish nuclear research had been "protective". He said the rest of the world could depend "100 per cent" on Swedish neutrality. After today's revelations that figure could be in need of revision.

Ny Teknik quotes the former General Stig Synnergren, who was commander in chief of the land forces at the time, as saying: "We had two main choices for a fast acquisition of nuclear weapons – to make them ourselves or to import them. Therefore both alternatives were investigated and prepared for."

Christer Larsson, the journalist who carried out *Ny Teknik's* year-long investigation, says: "He [General Synnergren] confirms what formerly secret documents already indicate: that the government's officially so-called 'protective research programme' also contained a series of detailed preparations for nuclear weapons".

The newspaper quotes General Synnergren as saying: "We had to build up a preparedness to accept things from abroad. We should also prepare ourselves to join an alliance. The purchase of nuclear weapons would presumably have meant some form of liaison or alliance".

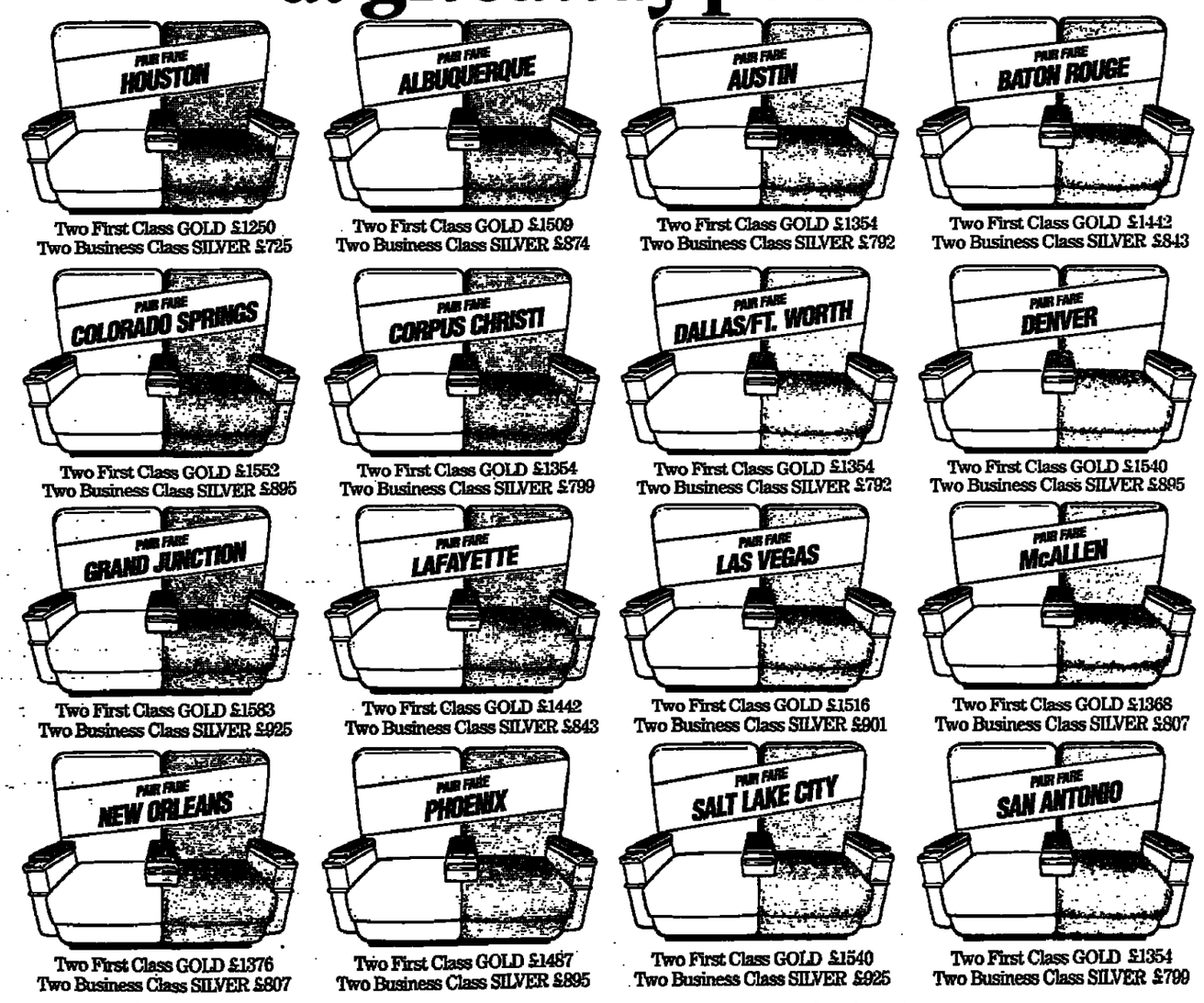
However, the possibility of producing in Sweden the 100 to 200 tactical nuclear weapons deemed necessary was also investigated, *Ny Teknik* reports.

Ny Teknik also reveals that the Soviet Union twice approached Sweden to buy uranium from the still unexplorted huge deposits

Today's revelations will come as a shock to most Swedes for whom the very thought of an abandonment of neutrality is anathema. They will also smudge the often "holier than thou" stance taken by Mr Palme in campaigning against nuclear weapons on the world stage.

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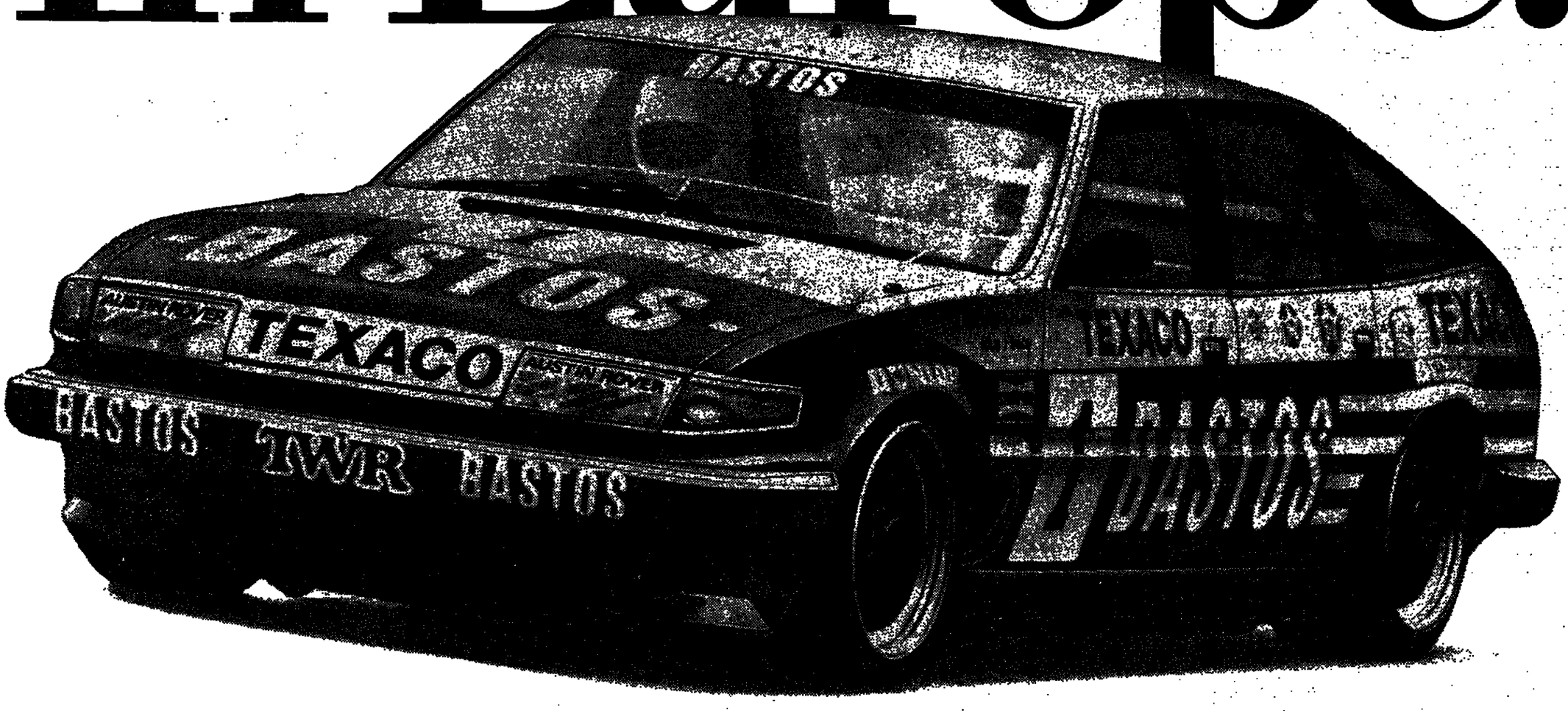
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French policies in flux as parties jostle for position

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Never under the Fifth Republic has the political map of France been so difficult to read, with different factions and individuals on both sides of the political divide manoeuvring against one another and jostling for the best position in the run-up to the general election next spring.

Everything seems to be in a state of flux, and few people are willing to make any firm predictions as to what is likely to happen after 1986 beyond asserting that the Socialists are virtually certain to lose their overall majority in Parliament.

But it is still far from clear whether the Right will win a landslide victory; whether President Mitterrand will be forced to resign before the end of his seven-year mandate; whether the two main opposition parties will be able, and willing, to form a government under a Socialist President; or whether the Socialists would be able to form a coalition centrist government. Listening to what the politicians say on these matters does not make one any the wiser.

On the vexed subject of "cohabitation", for example, M Raymond Barre, supported by a growing number of opposition deputies, mostly in the centre-right UDF party, insists that the Right must refuse any suggestion of forming a government under a Socialist President, and must indeed decline to support a vote of confidence in any such government. They hope thereby to force M Mitterrand to resign and to hasten the day of M Barre's own elevation to the highest post in the land.

M Charles Millon, UDF deputy and a leading "Barriste", called last weekend for a "strike of potential prime ministers", arguing that an acceptance of "cohabitation" would represent an "inexplicable defeatism which, given the recent declarations of the President, can only end in an unacceptable compromise and an intolerable confrontation".

He was referring to M Mitterrand's comments in a recent television interview indicating that he had no intention of remaining a figurehead president in the event of an opposition victory next year. "A president is not elected to be inert, to do nothing," he said. But M Mitterrand has also made it clear that he has every intention of remaining in office until the end of his seven-year term in 1988, whatever the outcome of the elections. There is no provision within the constitution to force a President to resign.

So the "Barristes" may have a difficult time of it, particularly as the two main opposition parties, the centre-right UDF and the Gaullist RPR, have formally come out in favour of cohabitation, on one condition, however – that they are able to govern on their own terms on the basis of promises made during the electoral campaign, and without any kind of compromise with the Socialists.

That superficially more flexible attitude could lead the "cohabitationists" into exactly the same constitutional *impasse* as the "anti-cohabitationists", however. It is up to the President to nominate a prime minister, and M Mitterrand may not be willing to appoint someone who is not ready to make some concessions toward his view of the way the country should be governed.

In that case, if the UDF and RPR stick to their "no compromise" stances no government could be formed, and M Mitterrand would have to dissolve Parliament and call a new general election.

The cohabitation debate has left the Opposition in disarray, but there is no less confusion within the Socialist Pary where a fierce struggle is now going on over how the party should evolve, what pre-election posture it should adopt, and whether the answer to those questions should necessarily be the same. Those questions will be at the centre of the debate at the party's national executive committee meeting in Paris this weekend.

The main battle lines are basically drawn up between those who want the party to remain true to its traditional left-wing values, and who fear that a shift to the Centre will lose the Socialists more votes than it will gain; and those who feel that the party must modernize itself, open itself up to a wider cross-section of voters, and adapt its language to the realities of the fundamental changes which have taken in the Government's policies over the four years that it has been in power.

Many Socialist militants are deeply worried that the party is in the process of "losing its soul" in its search for a new *rassemblement* – at the Centre, and party leaders have felt compelled over the past fortnight to put out a series of reassuring statements insisting on the party's fidelity to its "social roots" and ruling out any question of an alliance.

However, that does not tally with the expressed desire of the Prime Minister, M Laurent Fabius, to break the traditional left-right mould of French politics.

In the race to get into power, everyone seems to be posing a maximum number of obstacles to actually getting there, and the voter is left ever more bemused and disillusioned with politics and politicians. It is not without significance that the rating in the opinion polls of all the main political figures, on Left and Right, has fallen over the last month, with the sole exception of M Michel Rocard, whose resignation from the Government over his opposition to electoral reform won him a five-point leap in popularity.



President Ortega, right, and General Jaruzelski

Ortega visits Polish site of Nazi camp

Warsaw (AP) – President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua yesterday arrived in Warsaw from Czechoslovakia as part of his tour of eastern Europe.

He was greeted at Okecie airport here by the Polish leader, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, and the president of the Council of State, Mr Henryk Jablonski, the official Polish news agency Pap said.

President Ortega was to hold discussions with General Jaruzelski and to visit a former Nazi concentration camp at Majdanek, outside Warsaw, later in the day.

Ariane puts satellites successfully in orbit

Kourou (Reuter) – Europe's Ariane rocket has successfully put two communications satellites into orbit, boosting the confidence of Europeans that they can compete with the US for lucrative space markets.

Ariane blasted off from its jungle base in French Guiana late on Monday night with only 13 minutes left of its launch "window" – the optimum period for placing satellites in geostationary orbit.

The launch was beset by problems, including a frozen pressure valve in Ariane's liquid hydrogen fuel tank.

But after the countdown dramas the liftoff itself was perfect, with the 160 ft rocket rising on a ball of fire into the dark tropical skies.

The mission was the fifth flight organized by Arianespace, the company set up by the European Space Agency to market its satellite launcher.

The head of Arianespace, Frederic D'Allest, told reporters that the flight had underlined his team's ability to launch satellites successfully and cope with any problems effectively.

The two satellites, Telecom 1B belonging to the French Government and GSTAR 1 owned by the American GTE Spacenet Corporation, will move into an orbit 22,400 miles above the Earth.

Arianespace says it now has about 50 per cent of the booming commercial satellite market.

Dozens hurt as Noumea protesters defy ban

Noumea (AFP) – France's special envoy to New Caledonia, M Edgard Pisani, yesterday appealed to all ethnic groups for calm after 10 hours of violent rioting in which a Melanesian youth was shot dead and 59 were injured, 10 by gunfire.

Police said that curfew was being respected and that fighting in Noumea, the capital, had stopped. Security forces were patrolling with searchlights on trucks. It was the first time firearms had been used in Noumea since independence demonstrations came to a head late last year.

Fighting broke out, with riot police involved, when about 200 Kanak pro-independence militants defied a ban on demonstrations and held a rally in the city square.

Police ordered the Kanaks to disperse, but when the Kanaks started to march out they were met by a hail of stones from the white anti-independence RPCR party. Riot police replied with teargas and stun grenades.

The anti-independance militants then laid siege to the Kanak headquarters, heavily guarded by armed gendarmes, and clashes continued for most of the day.

M Pisani, in a radio appeal, called on "all the population, all the ethnic groups, all Caledonians, to remain calm."

He envisages independence for the French Pacific territory in association with France.

Nato's northern flank: 2

Norway's balancing act with the East

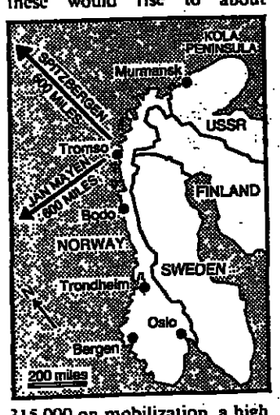
Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent, reports from Norway in the second of two articles, on how the country handles its defence problems.

Norway attempts in its defence policy the contortionist's trick of being a member of Nato while at the same time trying to avoid acting in a way which the Soviet Union would see as provocative.

Nevertheless, the country has grounds for claiming to be at least as good a member of Nato as other nations which do not share the inhibitions caused by its proximity to Russia.

Norway is the third largest Nato spender on defence in terms of outlay per head of population, and is only a little way behind Britain on that measure. But because its population is only about four million, its total defence spending is barely 8 per cent of Britain's.

Although Norway maintains standing forces of only 37,000, these would rise to about



315,000 on mobilization, a high proportion for such a small population. It can achieve this mobilization within about 72 hours.

With other European Nato members, Norway is having increasing difficulty in finding the resources to maintain a full range of modern forces.

One major advance in the past few years has been the purchase of 72 American F-16 fighter bombers. These have been fitted with drogue parachutes to provide a braking effect on landing and now can operate comfortably from off runways of only 800 metres. This has opened up the possibility of their using some 10-15 airstrips which could not have taken earlier aircraft.

This is doubly important – because of heavy air attacks Russia might mount and because there are doubts about how well Norway could cope with an influx of allied aircraft in time of war. Anything increasing the number of avialable airfields is valuable.

Improved Hawk air defence missiles will start to come into service in 1987, and Norway also has a programme for modernizing its coastal defence batteries.

The Norwegian Royal Navy, however, faces a painful trade-off. Six new submarines have been ordered from West Germany, and half a dozen of the present 14 will be updated to give a reasonably modern force to patrol coastal waters. But its five frigates, already 20 years old, are planned after modernization to be run on until close to the end of the century. They will then be almost 35 years old – a prospect for which the Navy has little enthusiasm.

Norway has only a single major road, and one rail line, linking north and south. If there were an attack against the north from Russian bases in the Kola Peninsula men and equipment would have to go north by sea, threading their way between the Norwegian mainland and the offshore islands.

There are some anxieties in Nato whether the Norwegian system could cope with the logistics of these movements and the arrival of reinforcements from overseas.

One advantage is that much northern terrain, and the narrowness of the country – at one point less than four miles wide, will favour defence and limit an enemy's scope to deploy overwhelming forces.

Norway does, however, seem to face difficulties in holding the Spitzbergen archipelago and also Jan Mayen Island, should ever the Soviet Union try to seize them.

This far northern flank of Nato will never displace central Europe as the focus of tension between Nato and the Warsaw Pact. But everything points to the north receiving more attention than in the past.

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Aquino case woman may be recalled

Manila (AP) – Lawyers for military personnel accused in the Benigno Aquino assassination changed their minds yesterday and asked to cross-examine a woman who testified last week that she saw a soldier shoot the opposition leader.

Prosecutors said they were not opposed to the request but said they might have difficulty getting Rebecca Quijano to appear in court again. The woman's lawyer said she will refuse and has threatened to go to the Supreme Court if compelled by the trial court.

Lawyers defending 24 of the soldiers and one civilian asked the court to recall Ms Quijano because they had come across some documents they want to use to "assail the integrity of her testimony and her credibility".

The three judges adjourned the trial until next Tuesday without announcing any ruling. The lawyer for the armed forces chief, General Fabian C. Ver, said he was not joining the request but reserved his right to question the witness if she were recalled.

Vatican silences theologian for one year

From Patrick Knight
São Paulo

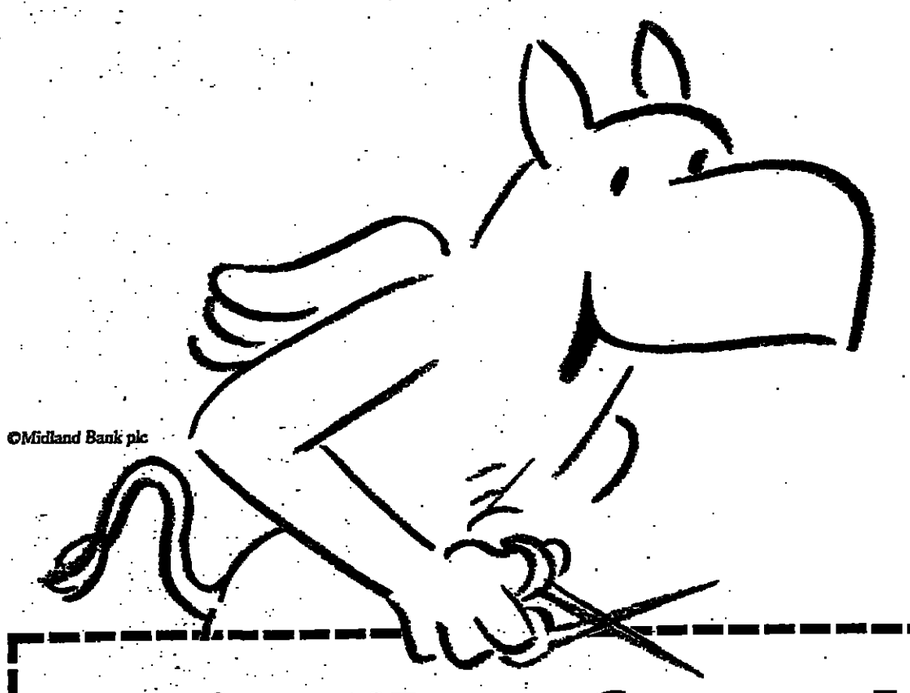
Brazil's leading liberation theologist, Father Leonardo Boff, has been ordered by the Vatican's Commission for the Doctrine of the Faith not to give lectures, take part in conferences, teach, or write anything for publication for a year.

His brother, Father Clodovis Boff, who teaches at a theology college in Rome, has also been instructed not to give classes for a year.

Father Leonardo Boff's most recent book, *Church, Charisma and Power*, in which he is critical of the church hierarchy and alleges abuses of its power, has been debated within the commission.

He was summoned to Rome last year to defend it, accompanied by several senior members of the Brazilian church, none of whom would comment on his punishment, which was kept secret until now.

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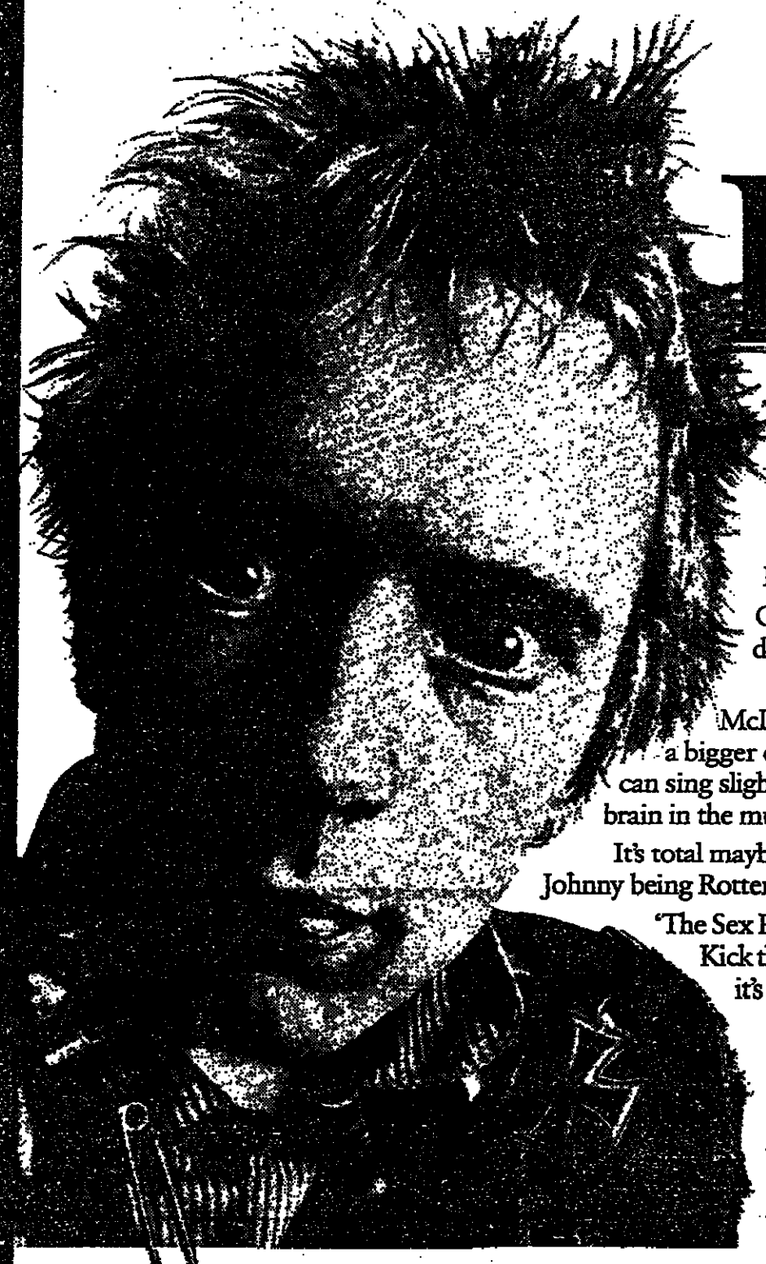
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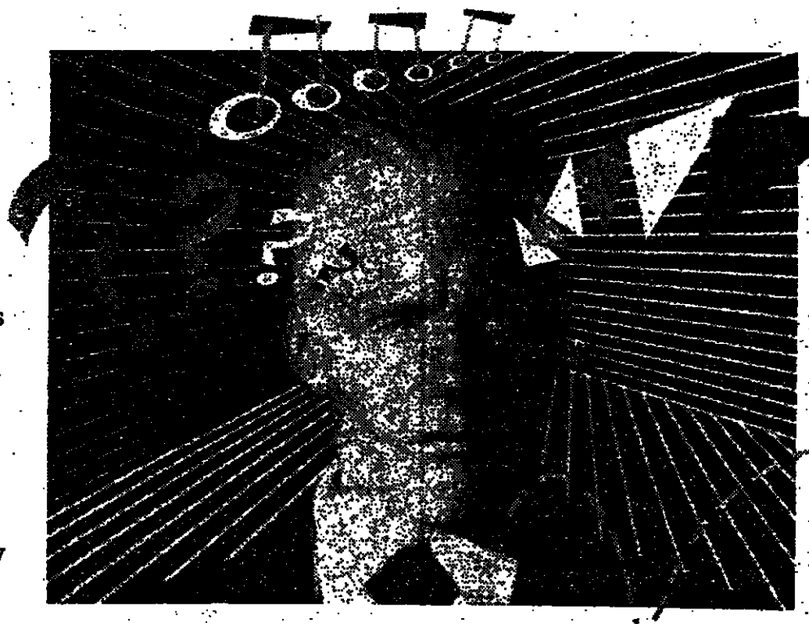
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Sage of the free-thinking world

The Times Profile: Friedrich August von Hayek

On the wall of the study in Friedrich August von Hayek's beautiful old flat in Freiburg in the Black Forest, hang two affectionate caricatures he received, 50 years apart, from the London *School* of Economics where he first lectured in 1931.

The first shows him upright and buoyant, with the caption: "Why man he doth bestride the narrow world like a Colossus and we petty men. . . ." In the second he staggers, fragile, with the weight of the Conservative cabinet on his shoulders. He chuckled when he pointed out the drawings, but, typically for him, added at once: "It is, of course, not true that I advise Mrs Thatcher."

A tall, elegant man, now rather thin, he is deaf in one ear. "It has its advantages", he quipped, pointing at his hearing aid. "I can turn people on and off."

"From 1931 to 1951", he said in his only slightly accented English – his preferred language – "I enjoyed an undeserved scientific reputation. Then I fell from grace for 20 years. I had made myself very unpopular with intellectuals with my attack on socialism in *The Road to Serfdom*".

In 1974 he received the Nobel Prize. "A complete surprise to me", he said. "I didn't approve of Nobel prizes for economists – until they gave it to *me*, of course!" He laughs. "Of course there is a very big advantage to fame: people suddenly listen to you."

His first experience of being listened to by other academics happened after the publication in America of *The Road to Serfdom*. The University of Chicago Press had invited him over for five lectures. "While I was on the ship, the *Readers Digest* published a condensation and when we docked in New York I was told all plans were changed; I would be going on a nationwide lecture tour beginning at NY town hall."

He never writes out lectures if he can help it and had no idea the town hall was the most prestigious lecture hall in New York. "Imagine my surprise when they drove me there the next day and there were 3,000 people in the hall, plus a few score more in adjoining rooms with loudspeakers."

The chairman introduced him "mercilessly briefly", he says "and there I was, with this battery of microphones and a veritable sea of expectant faces". After drying up at the start, his delivery improved and it taught him not only how receptive American audiences are, but also that he could deliver – ad lib at that – popular lectures.

In the UK, remarkable for an academic book, 100,000 copies of *Road to Serfdom* were sold and it was translated into 17 languages.

Love of laughter and life, humility and curiosity are – unexpectedly – the first qualities one senses in the "magnificent dinosaur" as Oxford philosopher Anthony (Lord) Quinton once referred to him.

He rattles off, with relish, anecdote after anecdote, quite often making fun of himself, but never of others. When he wrote in *The Road to Serfdom* of "those little yet so important qualities which facilitate the intercourse between men in a free society, kindliness, and a sense of humour, personal modesty and respect for the privacy and belief in the good intentions of one's neighbour" he no doubt was not, but might have been describing himself.

He speaks gleefully (almost as if describing the writing of a thriller) of the trilogy *The Fatal Conceit* (subtitled *The Intellectual Error of Socialism*) he is working on – the first volume, on morals, is virtually finished and economics and politics are drafted. The "conceit" is the socialist assumption that men can know enough to plan all of what has become known as the "good life" for society.

Hayek believes that the immense amount of knowledge in the world is too dispersed for any man – or agency – to either absorb or use effectively. And computers, he says, can only use, or communicate what they are fed.

At his first lecture in Freiburg in 1962, Hayek said: "Any man who is only an economist is unlikely to be a good one." In 1919, when aged 20, and just back from the war, he had been uncertain whether to become a psychologist or economist. He drafted then what in 1952 was to become a major book on psychology – and philosophy – *The Sensory Order*.

He still considers it his most original work. "Nobody understands it yet", he said, "but oddly enough, it sells." He has published 25 books and some 250 papers in English, has held professorships in three of the world's great universities and received numerous honours and prizes, among them the Companion of Honour from the Queen in 1984. "I was amazed by her" he said. "That ease and skill, as if she'd known me all my life."

Significantly, he titled his Nobel Prize acceptance speech in 1974 "*The Pretence of Knowledge*". And his final words there may well be a statement of faith as well as a very adequate description of the principal points of conflict between him and his antagonists. " . . . The recognition of the insuperable limits to his knowledge ought indeed to teach the student of society a lesson in humility which should guard him against becoming an accomplice in men's fatal striving to control society", he said.

Freedom under the law, the individual's responsibility for his own life, and a profound conviction of the unalterable complexity of human life and actions, are fundamental to all of Hayek's thinking. He understands only too well, he says, why the socialist ideal of "social justice" – solidarity and altruism – appeal so strongly to man's "good instinct".

But the concept, he says, is utopian, based on an ancient morality which evolved during many millenniums when man-kind lived in small groups and thus inapplicable today.

To him, a "planned society" cannot be free, because economic planning is not based on laws – essential to civilized life – but on controls, the antithesis of true democracy.

Hayek had the advantage of an exceptionally close and liberal family, a mixed rather than elitist education, and two years' service in the First World War.

Ennobled by Emperor Joseph II in the early 18th century, Hayek's ancestors almost invariably became civil servants – important under the monarchy. But almost all of them were scientists and academics too, following natural sciences on the paternal side and the law in his mother's wealthy, also titled family.

"They had this fantastic flat in Vienna, Karntnerstrasse 25", he said, dreamily. "It was the dancing-centre of Vienna's upper academia. That, and my grandparent's villa in the Vienna woods is where I spent *much of my youth.*"

His three brothers became university professors, in zoology, anatomy and chemistry. "We probably had an ideal family life", he said. "Three meals together every day, talking about every subject under the sun, always left free by our parents to roam, to think, even to commit minor peccadilloes."

He had a brief period of profound faith at 11. "But by 12 I had lost my belief in God." He preferred walking in the woods with his father on Sundays to church-going.

Hiking and mountains still play an important part in his life and that of his second wife. "We are lucky, because the children of her first marriage in Austria, and my children, Laurence and Christine in England like each other and all love the mountains. It's a nice continuity."

Perhaps this is especially important, because a highly companionable man, he is, one feels, lonely for his friends.

"With two exceptions – Herbert Fürth, with whom I created the 'Geistkreis' (intellect-circle) in Vienna in the Twenties . . . and much later Karl Popper. Except for brother officers, I was never on 'Du' terms with anyone outside my family. I have many friends in England but not as close as I was to Lionel Robbins."

It was he who in 1931 had invited Hayek to lecture at the LSE.

By this time he had gained two PhDs at the University of Vienna, in law and political science, and had worked for six years under Ludwig von Mises, the leading economist of the "Austrian" school as legal consultant of a civil service office, and spent 18 months as a research student in the United States. Between 1929 and 1931 he was lecturer at the University of Vienna, producing the first book that would later become a standard work, *Monetary Theory and the Trade Cycle*.

Vienna in the period following the First World War", he said, "was the intellectual centre of Europe . . . It was an extraordinarily exciting place, bursting with ideas and energy. All that is dead now" he said. "Except for the Tyrolean mountains, all my emotional attachment is to England. I fell in love with England when I first went to Cambridge in January, 1931. Emotionally and intellectually it was my climate and it still is. It isn't really that the English are more intelligent than others, but they have great social strength."

In August 1931, Hayek was offered the Tooke professorship at the LSE which he held throughout the war, during which the LSE was evacuated to Cambridge. He is still puzzled why he was not invited to contribute to the war effort. "Perhaps because I had relatives in Austria."

It was during the war that Hayek floated the idea of creating an international forum to debate and develop the ideas of liberty – the Mont Pelerin Society. It was also largely his inspiration which led in 1956 to the founding by Anthony Fisher of the Institute of Economic Affairs.

At the University of Chicago from 1950 to 1962 (he had meanwhile divorced and remarried) Hayek wrote *The Constitution of Liberty*, which he considers his least original but best book for laymen. "Chicago was a very exciting university. I'm friends with Milton Friedman and we are well agreed on the subject of a free market economy. On monetary policy we differ so much however, that we almost avoid the subject."

As for Britain and Mrs Thatcher, he said: "I am aware that she agrees with my basic concepts. But as I am, alas, not living in Britain now, I must keep fairly still". Even so, what would he advise?

"One thing would be to reduce the power of the unions, but especially remove every threat of force. Then, encourage in every possible way the amalgamation of the small unions into larger ones.

"Secondly, I am worried about the tendency in Britain to believe that to reduce inflation is already an achievement. Inflation has got to be stopped altogether. The inefficiency of the price mechanism continues as long as there is *any* inflation.

"The idea that government can affect the volume of unemployment directly is an illusion. You can only do it by restoring an absolutely competitive society. Any temporary spur it may give can only be maintained by further inflation. What has to be done is to adjust the *expenditure of the government* so that you do not have to borrow money, which is the ultimate cause of inflation."

And how would he solve the most demoralizing problem of youth unemployment?

"Abolish minimum wages. People used to have training periods in which they earned just enough to live on, then gradually rising on the ladder of achievement and thereby of earnings. But to insist that young people be paid a fixed *minimum* before they are able to perform their work is an absurdity."

Hayek is suggesting two fundamental changes: one to the constitution, the other to the management of money. The first is a "Senate of the Wise" – citizens of all classes and parties elected at 45, by those of 45, who, for a period of 15 years would be responsible for general rules of the law. The other, to be discussed in London "in the near future" is privately issued money – backed by standard commodities and thus stable in value. The name of the new units is still "top secret", he says "but marvellous".

And what does he think would give Britain the best chance to regain its place as the economic centre of the world, which he sees as a very real possibility? "Another 20 years of Mrs Thatcher," he said, not smiling.

Gitta Sereny



The 'magnificent dinosaur': Professor von Hayek, who was 86 yesterday

> 'Kindliness, a sense of humour, respect for the privacy of others and modesty'

BIOGRAPHY

1899:	Born May 8, Vienna
1917-18:	Austro-Hungarian army
1921-23:	Dr Jur and Dr Rer Pol degrees at University of Vienna
1923-29:	Legal consultant in civil service
1926:	Married Helene von Fritsch – in due course two children
1929:	Privatdozent (lecturer), University of Vienna
1931:	*Appointed Tooke* Professor of Economic Science and Statistics: University of London
1938:	Became British subject
1944:	Elected Fellow of the British Academy; *The Road to Serfdom* published
1950:	Moved to University of Chicago, Professor of Social and Moral Sciences, on the Committee of Social Thought. Married Helene Bitterlich
1962:	Professor of Political Economy, Albert Ludwig University at Freiburg/Breisgau
1968:	Honorary Professor, Salzburg, Austria
1972:	Honorary Fellow, London School of Economics
1974:	Awarded Nobel Prize in Economics, with Gunnar Myrdal
1974:	Professor Emeritus, Freiburg
1984:	Made Companion of Honour
1985:	Received Martin Schleyer Foundation Prize

A little girl died after falling on to spiked railings in north London. Why did it happen?

Avoidable death of a ten-year-old

In the early evening of Friday, April 6 last year, Michelle Welling, aged 10, set off home from her friend's house in Somers Town, north London. She had called to leave a message that she would not be going to her gymnastics class that evening. Her father was taking her to the cinema instead.

Michael Welling is a taxi driver. Although Friday is usually a busy night, he decided he had done enough that week and the family deserved a treat. On her way home, Michelle fell on to some spiked metal railings and one of the spikes pierced her abdomen. A passing youth pulled her off and carried her into an adjoining flat to call an ambulance. She died at 7.10pm.

Michelle's death was avoidable. It occurred because of bureaucratic failures, according to a panel of inquiry set up by Camden Council. The panel named two council officers as falling short of their responsibilities, but both men remain in their positions while disciplinary procedures continue. The spikes have been removed.

Godwin Court is a postwar block of 114 flats in the north of the district. Behind the block are communal gardens partly used as a football pitch. The 1,000-pupil Sir William Collins secondary school faces the rear of Godwin Court from the other side of Chalton Street.

In 1981 the football pitch was enclosed by a low brick wall surmounted by a chain link fence. The remainder of the site was bounded by a continuous metal fence about 3ft 6in high. The fence had a flat top then and was easily climbed.

To schoolchildren, the open space was an obvious short cut. When a gap was made in the railings in 1981 to allow landscape contractors access to the gardens, children could cut across the estate without hindrance.

Camden Council make much of the fact that they encourage tenants to participate in the management of their estates. District management committees, one for each housing district, act as sub-committees to the main housing committee of the council. Each is formed by six councillors and one representative of every tenants' association in the area. They inspect properties within the district.



Michelle Welling, the girl who died; and railings of the type that killed her. The council have now either removed or capped similar railings.

In May 1981, the local Godwin and Crowndale Tenants' Association asked the local district management committee to fill in the gap in the fence and raise the height of it by adding chain-link fencing. The council proposed to raise the existing fence by welding a horizontal bar of mild steel with ½in diameter sharpened spikes 6in long to the top. A drawing showed the spikes at 6in intervals to correspond with the vertical railings below.

On September 22 the director of housing told the local committee that the missing railings would be replaced and the fence raised. On October 22 an order was placed with the building department to fill the gap. After the necessary financial approval, the order to fix the spikes was given. The job was completed in February 1982.

The chairman of the local residents' association, Bill Saunders, lives in a flat which overlooks the gardens. He was horrified to see the spikes in place and regular processions of children climbing them. Worse than that, he could see that where the railings joined the wall enclosing the football pitch the wall successively decreased in height. Surmounted with a foot-wide parapet, this part of the wall effectively presented children with a flight of steps. These enabled them to walk along the wall and over the railings by hanging on to the loose chain-link above. He could see that here children could fall on to the spikes from their own height.

He immediately phoned up the district housing officer, Mr K. Gilcreest, pointing out the danger. He followed this up with a letter on February 20 but received no reply. He wrote again on May 8 and on July 18. No replies were received to these letters either. The panel accepted, however, that Mr Gilcreest never received them.

Feeling frustrated, Mr Saunders wrote twice to the Sir William Collins School in the autumn of 1982. In January 1983 he felt moved to write to the board of governors warning them of the danger and asking them to raise the matter with Mr Gilcreest. Miss Eileen O'Keefe did so, on behalf of the governors, by writing to Mr Gilcreest. One of the governors, Councillor Trite, promised to raise the matter with the council direct. On March 14, he spoke to Mr Gilcreest about the danger and followed this up with a letter on the 22nd of that month.

In June 1983, a technical officer visited the site and advised that the spikes be removed. Proposals were made for a higher fence: these came to nothing. So despite pressure from the residents the spikes were there for Michelle to fall on to on April 6, confirming the residents' worst fears.

The following Saturday morning found both the tenants of the estate and the rest of Somers Town outraged. One of the duty officers on the council's mobile security patrol went to the site at about 1.30pm and found a group of tenants insisting that the spikes be removed there and then. One of the tenants threatened to chain a lorry to the railings and pull them down. At about 6.30pm the council's emergency contractors cut off some of the spikes and opened up a pedestrian way. At a meeting on the site on Sunday morning, Mr Gilcreest instructed that all remaining spikes be removed and the estate be checked for other spikes.

At Michelle's inquest on May 10, a verdict of accidental death was recorded. In summing up, the coroner warned councils throughout the country to check on dangerous spiked railings.

The panel of inquiry started on September 20 and lasted for four days. In spite of a direct appeal by the chairman of the inquiry, law professor J. Jowell, Nalgo refused to allow their members to attend. Mr David Egmoor, the Nalgo representative who has an office in Camden Town Hall, said the council had decided the terms of reference of the panel without inviting the union to comment. At a previous inquiry, the union had been consulted. Nalgo had asked for changes of procedure, but when these were refused the boycott was called.

In the event the panel proceeded with Mr L. Slizowski, director of housing, representing the council. Evidence given to an internal inquiry and the coroner was relied upon for the other officers' statements.

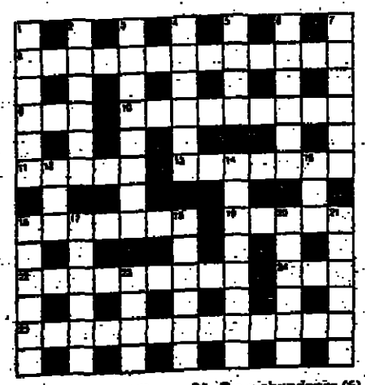
The report of the panel was damning.

It stated that the tragedy occurred because the local government system failed, and that the highly dangerous railings and spikes ought never to have been erected. Mr Gilcreest, district housing officer, and Mr Chapman, property services officer, were officers named as falling short of their responsibilities. The report went on to give positive recommendations for future conduct, including an overhaul of procedures to deal with health and safety matters.

What is important – and the only good thing that can come out of the tragedy – is that lessons may be learnt and similar accidents avoided in the future. Matters of safety must be allowed urgent priority over all other estate management business.

Richard Catt

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13 Ruin (7)
16 Drank deeply (7)
19 Entertain (5)
22 Hunter's dog (9)
24 Tank corps (1, 1, 1)
25 Valour award (8,5)

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1 Soldier's lodgings (6)
2 Eight note interval (6)
3 Loser (8)
4 Offended (6)
5 Expensive (4)
6 Xhosa language (6)
7 Lay out (6)
12 Uncooked (3)
14 Irish emblem (8)
15 Saturn's wife (3)
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17 Unimpaired (6)
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20 Displace (6)
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THE ARTS

Television

Memory medium

The Day We Won the War (BBC 1) was, despite its title, a rather melancholy programme: it seemed that we were watching the life of some different and remote country, and it is on occasions such as this that we realize how a nation can be transformed in so short a time.

This is one reason why the newsreels of that lost period still retain their fascination, however often they are shown on television – they are always more interesting than even the most vivid memories of the participants, of which there were also a great many in this reconstruction of the recent past. Those memories also seemed less triumphalist than they might have been – suggesting that war memorials, of the kind to be seen on television throughout this week, are largely manufactured by programme-makers of a different generation.

Of course there is nothing wrong with celebratory programmes of this kind – certainly they are nothing new, in the sense that the last war has been replayed or dramatized on television for the last twenty years and must represent the first case in history of a struggle which has been fought for a longer period on the screen than it ever was in life.

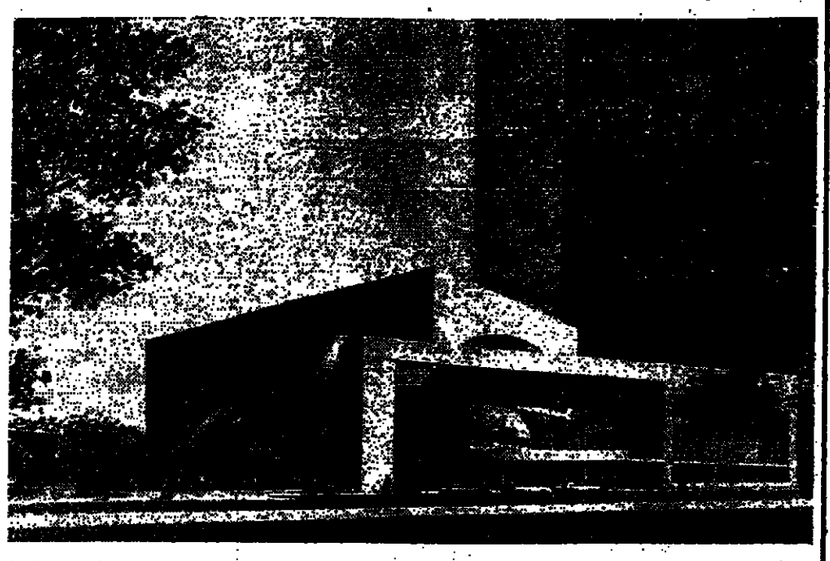
If last night's programme was marked by anything it was by the variety of responses to the events of that VE Day – and, since this was not a particularly innovative documentary, but, rather, an exhaustive one, we might be permitted to use the old-fashioned word, kaleidoscopic, to describe it.

But there was one general impression to be gained from its parade of names and events: it oscillated between the public rejoicing and the generals' or politicians' more private ceremonies and suggested, perhaps without design, that the crowds on the streets were somehow being orchestrated by people who performed their tasks for the benefit of the microphones and cameras.

Peter Ackroyd

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra, which visits Britain next week, is a shining example of the city's determination to rise above the lurid image of its own mythology: Paul Griffiths reports

All the cultural strength that money can buy



The McDermott Hall: a design fit to transform a fast-growing orchestra'

Dallas surely has had more than its fair share of modern mythology thrust upon it. At any hour of the day one is bound to find a scattering of people around the Texas Schoolbook Depository, kicking over the dust of memories of November 22, 1963. And then there is that television series, which has converted the place into little more than a pretty skyline for the opening credits. But there is a real Dallas too, a city owing its present huge prosperity less to oil than to silicon, and determined – perhaps all the more determined because of its mythological past – to make itself known as a centre of artistic excellence. The coming visit of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the first they have made to Europe, is just one part of this endeavour.

Like so much else in Dallas, the orchestra is a mushroom growth. Nominally its history goes back to 1900, and there was a period of glory in the late 1940s when Dorati was the musical director and recordings were made with Menuhin and Rubinstein. But there have also been inglorious times, not least when the orchestra was disbanded a decade ago for lack of financial support. In effect the modern Dallas Symphony dates only from 1977, when Eduardo Mata was appointed musical director, with the brief of giving the city an orchestra worthy of its new high-tech wealth and confidence.

It was not an easy task. Texas is very far from being a musical state: the principal flautist is a Texan lady, but the vast majority of the players come from the East Coast and the Mid-West. Most of them are young. Some go back to before the great shut-down, but many more have come since then, recruited as bright young stars from the conservatories. One has the impression that Dallas has been buying itself a top-class symphony orchestra, and inevitably such an enterprise takes time.

Mata admits as much. The repertory he has recorded with the orchestra, reviving their long dormant relationship with RCA, has tended to be flashy: Stravinsky, Ravel, Strauss, Gershwin. But his own view is that the special strengths of the orchestra, particularly among the clarinets and the horns, make it a fine ensemble for Mahler. That is why Mahler's First Symphony features prominently in the tour programmes, along with the rather more predictable Bartók Concerto for Orchestra.

The rest of the touring repertory will show other Dallas specialities. Mata's Mexican background has, perhaps rather oddly, ensured that the citizens of Dallas are as familiar with Latin American music as with Schubert, and John Williams will be playing the Manuel Ponce Guitar Concerto with the orchestra when they appear at the Barbican. But the Dallas Symphony, like so many orchestras in the United States, are also committed to living composers of their own country, as the same programme will indicate in opening with a work they commissioned: the splendidly exuberant Concerto for brass choir and orchestra by Benjamin Lees. Apparently Mata suggested to Lees that he might write something to show off the Dallas brass, and to judge from a tape they do the work proud.

The same enthusiasm for new music – even for new music as relatively straightforward as this – is probably not, though, to be found among the orchestra's audience. When Tippett was there earlier this year, for performances of his Triple Concerto and *Prince Charles Suite*, there was widespread dismay, and Mata was persuaded to preface an account of Ligeti's *Lontano* soon afterwards with a spoken introduction to assure his audience that it was all right really. Nevertheless, the orchestra is persisting with its policy of commissioning new pieces: Berio, among others, seems likely to be persuaded to provide something of a fanfare for 1988, when the orchestra is due to march into its new hall.

The new auditorium, the Eugene McDermott Concert Hall, is part of the plan to give Dallas the cultural strength it may feel it lacks. The hall is being built within an area known as the "Arts District", where already there is a magnificently accommodated museum,



Eduardo Mata: demanding brief

and where theatres and an opera house may eventually take their places as well. Designed by I. M. Pei, and with Russell Johnson in the important role of acoustician (which he will also play for the new concert hall in Birmingham), the Dallas building looks set to be a spectacular *temple* to music, a great basilica, spacious yet intimate, flooded with light from the artificial heavens of its reverberation space aloft.

There have inevitably been hiccoughs in the construction programme, but now the ground has been broken and the existence of the hall apparently been secured by a gift of $10m from H. Ross Perot of Electronic Data Systems Inc. What certain members of the orchestra have already pointed out, however, is that Dallas needs not only one of the world's best concert halls but also one of the best orchestras to put in it. To judge from what I have heard, on tape and in the orchestra's admittedly very unsatisfactory present home, they are not yet there, and nobody in Dallas is seriously claiming that the giants of Chicago or Philadelphia should be looking to their laurels yet awhile.

Indeed, the Dallas Symphony is only beginning to emerge as an orchestra of international calibre, and this tour is coming at just about the right time. But with the advantage of youth, of excitement at the prospect of a new home, and healthy financial backing, the orchestra's potential is practically boundless. In Dallas things happen fast. In three years' time, when the first chords strike up in the expensive acoustics of the McDermott Hall, this could be quite another orchestra.

● The orchestra's first British concert is in Nottingham on Monday; tomorrow week it plays at the Festival Hall, and the following day at the Barbican.

Concerts

RLPO/Litton

Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool

Outside the perturbed, but still relatively secure, confines of the BBC no orchestra in this country can match the current record of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic in persuading us that orchestral composition still goes on. This season alone they have played two new symphonies, by Robert Simpson and David Bedford, the latter's being heard for the first time on Tuesday and proving itself no less bold than the Simpson.

After all, a composer who calls a work a symphony is taking on a pretty robust history, and to call it Symphony No1, as Bedford has done, seems rather like tempting providence as well.

This is not really, however, a work that makes any great claims on the past or on the future. It is, indeed, a work of remarkably few pretensions. Like most of Bedford's music it is not afraid to be outstandingly banal, or to borrow shamelessly from the candystick end of pop music.

We are not properly in a symphony at all, of course, but in the same musical world reached in the notorious *Star's End* of a decade ago, a world where the sun always shines in major chords, while bright birds twitter and flowers nod in quick common time. The only difference is that the rock guitars have gone off to somewhere more interesting.

There are, though, the very crudest outlines of a symphony. The first movement is quick, after a slow introduction. There is then an adagio and finally a presto; there being no need for a separate scherzo since the whole work is one.

Inside the design, inevitably, the substance is quite non-symphonic. The opening movement is largely in the manner of American minimalism with flurrying repetitions underpinned by harmonic progressions which keep crashing loudly into B flat minor.

The problem here is that music of this kind requires extreme precision in the performance if it is not to sound shoddy and, unfortunately, the RLPO under Andrew Litton was not able to get it together in quite the necessary streamlined style. They did better with the rest of the work. The slow movement is a dream of disarmingly simple melodic figures in Day-Glo harmony, followed by a slightly more pungent invention for solo strings.

The finale then defies belief with its unsullied G major, and its monumental unleashing of the tunes one has heard in the earlier movements. Perhaps it was indiscreet to put this in the context of the G major of Mozart's Flute Concerto, played with a nice naturalness and balance by Colin Chambers. But Liverpool has certainly made a noise.

Paul Griffiths

Sensitive promise

RPO/Menuhin

Festival Hall

Wang Xiao-dong, born in Shanghai in 1969, recently won the 1985 Orion Insurance Yehudi Menuhin Violin Competition playing Prokofiev's Second Violin Concerto. In repeating his performance of that work he proved that he had chosen carefully, for, although the technical demands it makes are formidable, it can hardly be said that it requires an adult's passions to bring it off convincingly.

Indeed the first two movements are dominated by a stream of quietly unassuming, delicately orchestrated lyricism, and perhaps Wang made them quieter than they should be, though from the beginning his beautiful *portamenti* typified the general confidence of his reading. There was more strength and tenacity in the finale, as there had to be, but still one yearned for the power which will undoubtedly be forthcoming as he matures, though it was gratifying to hear this remarkable young violinist respond so sensitively. One only hopes that he avoids overexposure, for his obvious integrity is too precious a thing to be threatened by too much work.

Sir Yehudi Menuhin, as we must now call him, and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra were supportive and generally accurate partners, touching in details of colour with the deftness of an artist. It was an altogether different story, however, in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Time and again moments which should have been of great import were tossed aside perfunctorily; the first movement was sauntered through as though it hardly mattered, with frequent threats of chaos that went beyond the score's requirements, and the Scherzo was likewise stripped of its stature by the omission of repeats.

Similarly, what ought to be the most profound of all symphonic slow movements sank beneath the weight of Sir Yehudi's lumbering rhythms. Even the crude excitement of the finale, graced by the full-throated Brighton Festival Chorus and by the unusually unanimous solo team of Sheila Armstrong, Diana Montague, Robin Leggate and Henry Herford, was dissipated by scrambled tempos, lack of attention to balance and ill-judged pauses.

Stephen Pettitt

● London Contemporary Dance Theatre, in the course of their spring tour, make their first visits to Plymouth (May 14-18) and Canterbury (May 21-25). Repertoire includes the latest works by Siobhan Davies, Robert Cohan and Tom Jobe, as well as dances by Paul Taylor and Richard Alston.

Theatre

Feminist tenacity

Medea

Almeida

It is the face-saving role of many studio theatres in the civic repertory circuit to be kept busy with low-budget performances of new work (most of which vanishes without trace) while the main houses are coining it with revivals of Ayckbourn and O level Shakespeare.

This pattern does not apply to the Leicester Haymarket where, since the arrival of David Aukin, studio programming has been treated as seriously as the main repertory, preserving the scale of Mr Aukin's previous Hampstead regime and achieving a continuity unavailable at that address. London now has the chance to judge this achievement in a season of classics (including *Woyzeck* and an Ionesco double bill) played by the studio company, which arrives at the Almeida after a spell at the Liverpool Playhouse.

Medea, the opening show, is directed by Nancy Meckler, who first made her name in this country as an American expatriate commenting on the Vietnam war in a pioneering production of *Antigone* with the Freehold company.

I cannot quote many details from that piece, but the Leicester production certainly stirs memories of the group performances of the 1960s. The text (Rex Warner's translation) has gone through a democratic editing process, and acquired a prologue telling the story so far with the aid of pantomimic enactments of the heroine's multiple murders and the theft of the golden fleece.

Down-to-earth dialogue alternates with unassimilated chunks of elevated rhetoric ("For me remains to cry aloud upon my fate"); and that famous Sixties device "the chord" – a random harmonic improvisation designed to bind the company into an expressive unit – makes a return to mark the high points of the action.

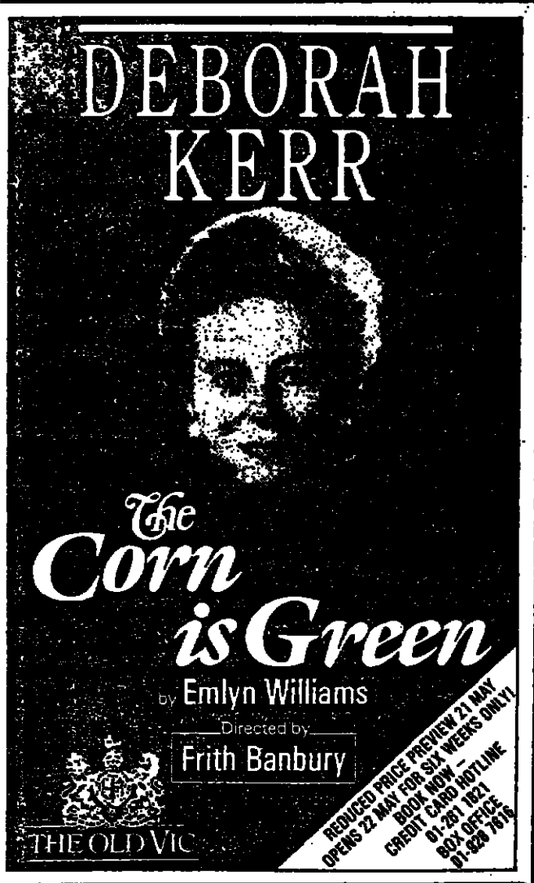
For all these throwbacks to the past, Miss Meckler succeeds no less than she did with *Antigone* in presenting an ancient tragedy as a tract for the times. Medea is an exile, a murderess, a victim of the fearful suspicions that aliens arouse: she is also a relative of Euripides's Dionysus, another embodiment of irrational force exploding in the face of civilization. For Miss Meckler, however, she is simply a woman who has been badly let down by a man; a patently blinkered approach which she justifies by following it with the utmost tenacity and bringing a feminist intelligence to bear on the text.

The first sight of Jason (Frank Baker) scrimming and blustering as he tries to defend his betrayal gene es an immediate shock of recognition. He only abandoned her to guarantee her security. She was nobody until he picked her up. If she had any sense they could all live happily together. All wives care about is what happens in bed. What a pity children cannot be created without the help of women. The arguments have not changed in 2,000 years.

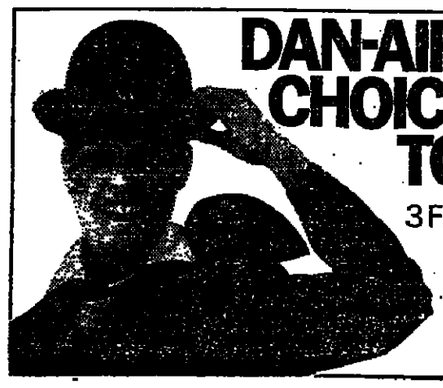
In response, Linda Bassett's Medea conveys the sense of having been dealt a wound she only gradually comes to understand. She begins in bewildered pain rather than revenge. "This thing", she tells the all-woman Chorus, "has fallen on me so unexpectedly, it has broken my heart"; beginning such speeches in a dispassionate undertone, and being overtaken by tears and wrath as her words renew the experience. Once the action is under way she develops an awesome power of masquerade, playing the submissively repentant wife with a sincerity that would have taken in craftier adversaries than her gullibly beaming spouse. When she finally confronts him, clutching two butchered dolls in a red and gold Tussaud tableau, she also makes it clear that her vengeance was an act of love by which "I have taken hold of your heart".

Neither the production nor the actress can follow the text into actual moments of slaughter. Nor does Medea make a final getaway by flying chariot. There are no heroes or immortals on this stage; only men and women.

Irving Wardle







BOOKS 1

Local dialects and Hair's hew, Bas

Basil Boothroyd

YACKY DAR MOY BEWTY

By Sam Llewellyn

Elm Tree, £5.95

This is sub-titled "A Phrasebook for the Regions of Britain (with Irish Supplement)". I have been reading it in southern Andalusia, where my primly articulated *Buenos dias* draws a responding *Bun* or other wordless cry. So sympathies are fresh for alien visitors at home. Straying even so far as Norfolk from the beaten tourist track, their raised glass with "Good Health" can get "Hair's hew, bor" in return. Or "Choyers" in the Midlands.

Mr Llewellyn has a good and funny idea, splitting Britain into nine dialect regions, broad divisions by his own admission, where most of the natives are hard pressed to understand any of the others. He pursues it with industry and a keen feeling for the absurd. If it does not entirely come off it is because he falls between several stools. Though without any of your old truck about postilions being struck by lightning it is partly a joke about phrasebooks, at least in capturing that sense of mute idiocy afflicting non-linguists in foreign parts. But in abandoning familiar patterns, by giving continuous, sometimes quite plotty, conversations instead of those ludicrous juxtapositions of blunt statement and demand, he loses most of that joke.

Though regional eccentricities have Standard English as their yardstick, phonetic renderings also pose problems. "Seamer gin" (in a Blackpool pub), meaning "Same again", reads with a soft "g", especially in that setting; or, in the author's translation, "Perhaps you would be so good as to repeat my order", since he is prompted to a different sort of joke with the interpretations. It is disappointing to find that the meaning of "Yamfer me", in the North, is, "It has been a tiring day. I shall return to my solitary bed", rather than the straight, "Home for me".

Another difficulty is the author's scholarship, though that may not be quite the word: let us say his deep knowledge of, or ad hoc research into, all the Briton's diverse accents and idioms, and indeed social practices, encountered beyond residential frontiers. Perhaps this sounds cavilling and ungrateful. It's just that you like to know where you are, and not only topographically. "Dem? Bain't that Carnal?" (Isn't Devonshire part of Cornwall?").

The introduction to the sections are witty and informative. As we say round here, *salado y educativo*. Otherwise, as with the genuine article, this is no book for a long read. Bedside dipping is best. Even then sleep comes uneasily, burring and buzzing with a verbal brainstorm. What do they mean, in Norwich, by "Dew yew loy dun"? Could one really only find the Aldeburgh Festival by asking for the Awbra Fistible? And, in my present case, will my Spanish for where's the town hall, needed tomorrow, get me within a phrasebook's throw of *el ayuntamiento?* Particularly as it means first shouting "Oiga!" at a passer-by, the equivalent of "Ere! Yow!" for the Andalusian lost in Brum.

Curiouser, Alice, and curiouser

CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

ALICE THROUGH THE NEEDLE'S EYE

By Gilbert Adair

Illustrated by Jenny Thorne

Macmillan, £6.95

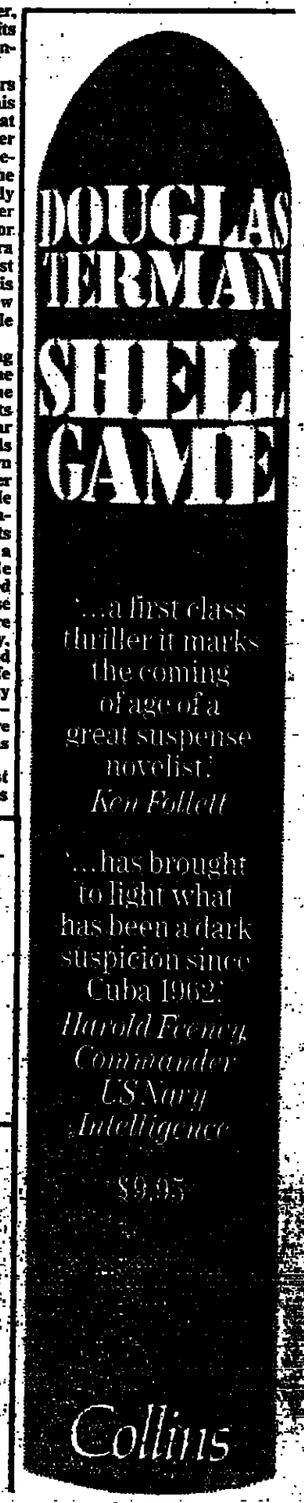
Unlike the creators of such characters as Paddington Bear or Mary Poppins, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson knew when to stop. Having followed Alice down the rabbit hole and through the drawing-room mirror he pursued her no further, turning his attention to the fits of the Snark and the experimental prose of *Sylvie and Bruno*.

Not all Dodgson's admirers have been content with this arrangement. Failing to see that Alice's chequered career through the looking-glass betokened an exhaustion of the theme, they seek to supply "more Alice". They take her satirically to Blunderland, or educationally to Orchestra Land: and Golbert Adair's latest addition to this line of sequels is thus remarkable not as a new idea, but as yet another example of a variation.

Much the most interesting feature of his book is the consistency with which he works the pastiche. He starts Alice off from the familiar drawing-room armchair, threads her neatly through her own sewing needle, and traipses her through a dream-countryside inhabited by Grampuses, Siamese Twin Cats (i.e. two cats joined at the tail) and even by a Red and White Queen. He appears to have so soaked himself in his sources that these inconsequential adventures are told in a prose that, stylistically, resembles Lewis Carroll's – and the impression of a true-to-life take-off is reinforced by Jenny Thorne's illustrations, which – where Alice is concerned – are not so much Tenniel imitated as Tenniel copied.

Valiant though such a quest for authenticity may be, it is doomed to failure. However accurately you catch the tricks of Carroll's style, you cannot catch the eccentricities of his vision. Mr Adair joggles the "Alice" formulae. She travels intermittently, though the alphabet she meets stroppy nursery-rhyme characters like Jack and Jill she goes to the opening of a parliament she even recites nonsense poems (about which the less said the better). But in the end the book has no life of its own and sustains the reader's attention only by virtue of its great predecessors.

Just how great those predecessors were in their original dress can currently be glimpsed in a handsome bossed set in which an attempt is made to provide close facsimiles of both Wonderland and Looking Glass, with a little pamphlet of notes by the Professor of English at the University of Minnesota *(Macmillan, £21 the set)*.



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BOOKS II

Forty years on from VE

James Fenton on books about the world earthquake of World War Two

1945, THE WORLD WE FOUGHT FOR
By Robert Kee
Hamish Hamilton, £12.95



FIRST, a word about Hamish Hamilton, as publishers. A few weeks ago I reviewed Studs Terkel's *The Good War*, which claimed to be an oral history of World War Two, and wasn't. The review was, I thought, measured and critical, but at the end I said that at its best the book was terrific, and that all of it was worth having (meaning that it was worth recording all those interviews). Since then the advertisements have extracted the word "terrific" as if it applied to the whole volume. Hamish Hamilton were not short of plaudits for the book; and even if they had been I object to my words being used in this way. There is a technical term for the figure of speech whereby a word applying to a part of an object is used to refer to the whole: it is called sharp practice. After this week, no more adjectives for Hamish Hamilton until the matter is cleared up.

At its best, *1945, The World We Fought For*, by Robert Kee, is Beta-minus-query-minus. Mr Kee's method has been "to relay the picture which the reader of British and American newspapers and listeners to radio broadcasts might have received as the year unfolded". So it's a cuttings job? No, says Mr Kee; the purpose is to convey "the look of events before later events turned them into history". But imagine this technique applied to more recent issues. The fortunes of the pound sterling, for instance, would be completely incomprehensible if told through the cuttings: Every time the pound loses 10 points, it is a disaster, but when it subsequently picks up five of those lost points it is in grave danger of ruining our competitive position. Nothing that is said about sterling makes any sense; and the same goes for the Liberal Party.

What about a history of – moving closer to the subject – the Falklands War (or conflict or campaign as it was known at the time) relying on radio reports and press coverage? This would be quite unsatisfactory. It would be misleading over the Belgrano, reticent about diplomacy and strategy, and for our knowledge of the experience of the ordinary soldier in the field we would have to rely on Max Hastings (who writes like an officer). For the account of daily events we would have to turn to that extraordinary man from the Ministry, Ian Thingummy, and his Hammer-Film briefings.

Of course it would be quite proper to write an account of the way the Falklands War was presented to the public at the time, but this would require a discussion of what went on both behind the scenes and in the battlefield itself. We would need to know what we were not being told. The same goes for the great issues of 1945 – a year associated with a large number of the fundamental controversies of the century. It is not enough to be told of the massacre at Katyn that "the Russians maintained that the murders had been committed by the Germans. The Germans invited a neutral commission to investigate the site. The Polish Government in London lent its support to such a proposal. The Russians withdrew recognition from them." Mr Kee should come off the fence. The same goes for Dresden, which is destroyed in three paragraphs and *no questions* asked. Undoubtedly, as a former bomber pilot, Mr Kee has strong and informed opinions on the war from the air; but his method does not allow him to share them with us.

Although this is in no sense a book for the specialist, you need much extra knowledge in order to appreciate what is being talked about. In the account of the parliamentary debate after Yalta, Harold Nicolson gets up to say that "Marshal Stalin has demonstrated that he is about the most reliable man in Europe." The average reader today might be forgiven for assuming that Nicolson was a fellow-traveller. But you don't have to look very far to see what was happening on this occasion.

Nicolson's diaries and letters recount how on the eve of the debate, Churchill had allowed himself to be bought a drink by him, and how Nicolson had been fed the line he used in the Commons. Churchill had said that since he had been in close relations with Stalin the latter had kept his word with utmost loyalty, and he told Nicolson: "I hope in your speech tomorrow you will not attack me very bitterly. I count you among my firmest friends." The flattery worked well. After the debate Churchill said: "Harold, you made a powerful speech. A most powerful speech. You swung votes. I thank you. I congratulate you." Nicolson was in fact under no illusions about the Russians. He told his wife, in the letter describing Churchill's reaction, that he thought them "imperialistic and unscrupulous". You might argue that Nicolson was misleading the House. You might even argue that Churchill was doing the same. But in order to do so you would have to look further than the material Mr Kee allows himself to use.

At the very least, in a book derived from media reports and public discussions of the time, one wants some kind of help in assessing the evidence. How did the war correspondents work? What were the effective restrictions? What were they not allowed to say? There are several *quotations from military analysts* discussing the prospects of some current campaign. I can't help wondering what the writings of such people are supposed to represent. Obviously they were not in the business of giving aid and comfort to the enemy. But what made one military correspondent better than another? Better contacts in the War Office? A better prose style? Which writers or broadcasters were followed with most interest? And to what extent did people believe what they were being told?

You get some faint sense of this last dimension in the two best chapters of the book, that on the discovery of the concentration camps, where the reporters anticipate that they will not be believed; and the account of the general election, when Churchill himself failed to convince the electorate. The description of the campaign is quite full, but while it may give you some idea as to how Churchill lost it does not really satisfy the curiosity as to why Labour won.

Carlton Jackson has been through the records of the Children's Overseas Reception Board and has used the files of Mass Observation to good effect. **Who will Take our Children?** *(Methuen, £9.95)* is an account of the evacuation of children during the Second World War, both within the country and abroad. It is clear that the exodus of East-Enders into the countryside caused classes to meet for the first time, sometimes with unhappy results. The details tell us much about social conditions. One young boy, newly evacuated, "would not sleep lying down: instead he perched himself by a bedpost, and rested his head on it", – the way he would have done at home.

Quiet Heroines by Brenda Mc Bryde *(Chatto & Windos, £9.95)* is about nurses in the same period. Again there is plenty of telling detail – in Egypt the rats developed a taste for plaster of Paris, and immobilized soldiers would have to fight them off with poles. In the palace of some twelfth-century Caliph, the dome was infested with birds which would swoop down and nick the food off the patients' plates. Most of the details are much nastier than these. Brenda McBryde writes with a mixture to commitment and dispassionate observation, which is what one might expect from a trained nurse.

A Fred by any other name as cricket critic

Tim Heald

HIS OWN MAN
By Christopher Brookes
Methuen, £12.95

A CARDUS FOR ALL SEASONS
By Neville Cardus
Souvenir Press, £8.95

On the day Hitler invaded Poland Neville Cardus was in the Long Room at Lord's. There were barrage balloons in the sky, but although a game was being played there were no spectators in the stands.

"As I watched the ghostly movements of the players outside", he wrote, "a beautifully preserved member of Lord's, spats and rolled umbrella, stood near me inspecting the game. He did not speak of course; we had not been introduced. Suddenly two workmen entered the Long Room in green aprons and carrying a bag. They took down the bust of W. G. Grace, put it into the bag and departed with it. The noble lord at my side watched their every movement; then he turned to me. 'Did you see, sir?' he asked. I told him I had seen. 'That means war', he said."

It illustrates Cardus at his best – evocative, succinct, and while nominally reporting cricket actually writing about whatever he fancied. One eye, to paraphrase Rupert Hart-Davis' assessment, on Denis Compton, the other on the Eternal Verities. At other times, as both these books amply demonstrate, he could be arch and overblown. Macartney, for instance, "used his bat for our bedazzlement as Sergeant Troy used his blade for the bedazzlement of Bathsheba".

He could also be extraordinarily cavalier about such boring matters as literal truth and actual facts. In his *Autobiography*, which seems, if his biographer is right, to have been an astonishing feat of imagination, he describes how he left Old Trafford one morning to get married. According to Cardus, Makepeace and Hallows opened the batting. When he returned from the Registry Office he found that Lancashire were seventeen without loss – Makepeace 5, Hallows 11, and one leg bye. Alas, the records show that Makepeace and Hallows only opened once that month, in a completely different match and with a completely different score.

The lapse is characteristic and even his charitable biographer observes, sardonically, "that it is as well to bring to the reading of Cardus on cricket just a pinch of salt".

Cardus's reputation is based principally on his writings about cricket and music for *The Manchester Guardian*. Between the wars he averaged 8,000 words a week on these two subjects, and it is hardly surprising therefore if the quality, as you can see quickly enough from the new cricketing anthology, is uneven. At the beginning of the war he left for seven years in Australia. On his return relations with *The Guardian* were never quite the same, souring dramatically after the paper moved to London. In 1970 he wrote that he'd like to "throw it in with *The Guardian*". Three years later he said "I can't cope with the sub-editors". In 1974 when he was 85 he complained that "I received telegrams and calls from many newspaper editors, even as far distant as Sydney and Vienna. NOTHING from Hetherington or *The Guardian*". His last journalism was commissioned by Harold Evans for *The Sunday Times*.

In later years he was keen to promote the image of self-made man, an autodidact who had clawed his way from the squalor of Mancunian penury to a knighthood and membership of the Garrick. Christopher Brookes says that "contrary to the impression he worked so hard to create, Cardus was the product neither of a slum, nor a cultural desert", but even so he had few natural advantages and little formal education. From a very early age he seems to have been unusually ambitious and egocentric.

As a very young man he was called Fred. It was perceptive of him to change his name to Neville but not necessarily an improvement. "Fred" might be an appropriate name for the assistant cricket coach at Shrewsbury, which he was, briefly, but "Neville" was more suitable for the post of Dr Alington's secretary, which he also became for a while. "Fred" might have looked incongruous under the title of his first-ever piece of musical criticism – "Bantock and Style in Music" and it might have stopped him from writing such sentences as (in lamenting the passing of summer): "Nothing left but the job of knocking the summer's turf from old boots and watching the fragrant dust of it fall, as one murmurs, *Haec olim meminisse juvabit.*"

Fred Cardus would never have murmured *Haec olim meminisse juvabit* nor noticed the fragrance of the falling dust. And for all the Culture and Aestheticism that Neville brought to Cardus's writing, it's the Fred in it that now seems preferable.

Postwar daughter of the new sun

FICTION

Isabel Raphael

CRANES AT DUSK
By Hisako Matsubara
Secker & Warburg, £9.95

DANCING WITH MERMAIDS
By Miles Gibson
Heinemann, £8.95

BLOOD FOR BLOOD
By Julian Gloag
Hamish Hamilton, £9.95

Like Saya, the heroine of the moving and beautiful *Cranes at Dusk*, Hisako Matsubara was born in Kyoto, the daughter of a Shinto priest. Distanced by time and a Western education, she has written what seems more like a thinly disguised memoir than a fictional account of the months in 1945 when Japan shifted from war to a conquered peace. The mind's eye has become a telescope, focused on the essentials of this experience, as with sympathetic detachment she follows 10-year-old Saya's passage through uncharted territory.

Kyoto has been spared the horrors of bombing, and peace brings more changes than ever the war did to many of its inhabitants. Heady ideas of freedom threaten the formal structure of a traditional society, and uncertainty and curiosity take the place of fear. Adults seek refuge in extremes of behaviour; Saya's mother clings grimly to the outward signs of dignified living which she equates with life itself, and the Guji drifts far away from everyday realities into the abstractions of the I-Ching after the defeat of Japan has confirmed his predictions.

The past is indeed another country which they still inhabit. What is needed for the brave new world is the adaptability of children like Saya who see changes as challenges. The hunger and deprivations that reduce her mother to degrading deceit serve instead to sharpen Saya's perceptions; secure in her father's approval she faces the new and the old with equanimity, resisting prejudice and emotional blackmail while absorbing unfamiliar notions of religion and culture. She is pure delight.

Saya is saved from being too good to be true – and too clever by half – by her entirely natural relationship with her friends in the town and her entrancing little brother Bo. Nostalgic for many of the old customs, which she describes meticulously and affectionately, Hisako Matsubara remains cool and unsentimental, particularly in her portrayal of the children of Kyoto.

The message of the Jizo festival pervades the book:

All that has form passes away.
One loses that to which the heart is attached.
All that has life will some day pass away.

This is the lesson to be learned by little Saya and by Japan. The author puts it across with consummate delicacy, not minimizing the horrors of war, but looking beyond them.

Miles Gibson, says the cover of his new novel, "spent his childhood in a wet and draughty seaside town". In *Dancing with Mermaids* he is clearly out for revenge. Rams Horn is a nightmare parody of all such resorts, with a cast of characters to match: a medium who finds Beelzebub squatting naked on her table, a witch who laces her herbal potions with gin, a trio of schoolboys randy with dreams of knickers and knockers. Nasty things happen in Rams Horn, which may make you laugh if you fancy murder and mayhem decked out in fantastic and erotic prose. It is as if Milk Wood had burst forth with those obscene-looking blossoms one finds in sweaty tropical palm houses, strangely at odds with the decorous flower-beds on the other side of the glass wall. Perhaps it is just as well that Dr Beeching axed the railway, leaving the stinking River Sheep to cut off the inhabitants of Miles Gibson's imagination. On the other hand, life in Rams Horn is never dull.

Blood for Blood is another of Julian Gloag's admirable psychological thrillers. Barrister Vivan Winter, known for his successful defence of murderers, is himself murdered in circumstances that suggest that he was not unprepared for such an end. He has bequeathed large legacies to eight women and one man, and, will in hand, Ivor Speke sets out to track down the other beneficiaries in the hope of finding the murderer. In doing so he finds himself, as he contrasts his own reaction to sudden, violent loss – of his beloved daughter as well as of his friend – with the ways that others have dealt with similar experiences. Perhaps this is Vivian's true legacy.

My only complaint is that of the two solutions sought, one is obvious and the other unconvincing. But it is the search that matters, after all, the excursions up exciting tributaries, the unfolding of unexpected routes to a given point. Julian Gloag writes with poise and elegance, revealing just enough at any time to sustain pace and suspense. I confess to reading the whole book at one long, self-indulgent sitting, and put it down purring with satisfaction.

Looking back at the mess we made

Woodrow Wyatt

PROSPECT AND REALITY
Great Britain 1945-1955
By T. E. B. Howarth
Collins, £14.95

It was the decade which began with hopes and illusions. In *New Deal for Coal* (1945) Harold Wilson wrote: "It seems an inescapable fact that the men will not make their fullest efforts under private ownership, but will make greater efforts when they know they are serving no private interest or profit-making agency but producing for the service of the community".

Utopia was to be on tap: the comradeship of the war was to be the inspiration for the peace. Idealism flourished as never before. That was why the nation's hero, Churchill, lost the election through guilt of association with the shabby Tories who were seen to have willed an unjust pre-war society.

Oddly Mr Howarth gives much of the credit for Labour's victory to *Picture Post* which in my experience played a slight part. It was the Forces, whose views acted sharply on their families at home, who did the trick; and it was the War Office's enlightened Army Bureau of Current Affairs that gave them the ammunition. The Forces were encouraged to think of their future role as citizens; and the mere setting out of the facts of pre-war British life was devastating propaganda for Labour.

This is an unusual history, galloping along with humour and insight, recognizing trivia in clothes, food (and their rationing), the standard of living, popular entertainment as of equal importance to the activities of politicians in conditioning our minds. It is a brilliantly painted history of a whole people from top to bottom complete with its culture and vulgarity.

Mr Howarth has correctly observed that the Labour government would have collapsed but for Stafford Cripps. Attlee gave reform respectability; Bevin kept us upright among the nations; but Cripps's drive provided the economic muscle. Apparently doctrinaire Cripps was very like Mrs Thatcher. Thump, thump, thump went his exhortations. For a vital three years he had the country convinced that excessive wage demands without corresponding productivity were ruin.

It is rare for this remarkable man to get the tribute he deserves; and Mr Howarth perceives that who owned what became secondary in his thinking to the problem of creating wealth before it could be distributed: he became lukewarm about further nationalization, having doubts about the wisdom of one of Labour's sacred tenets, the nationalization of steel. I have no doubt that Cripps would approve of almost everything Mrs Thatcher is trying to do.

Centuries of change in the garden

Ruth Stungo

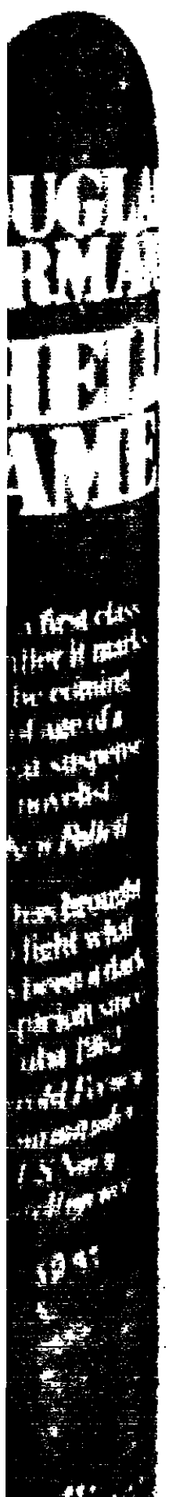
THE LIVING GARDEN
By George Ordish
The Bodley Head, £12.95

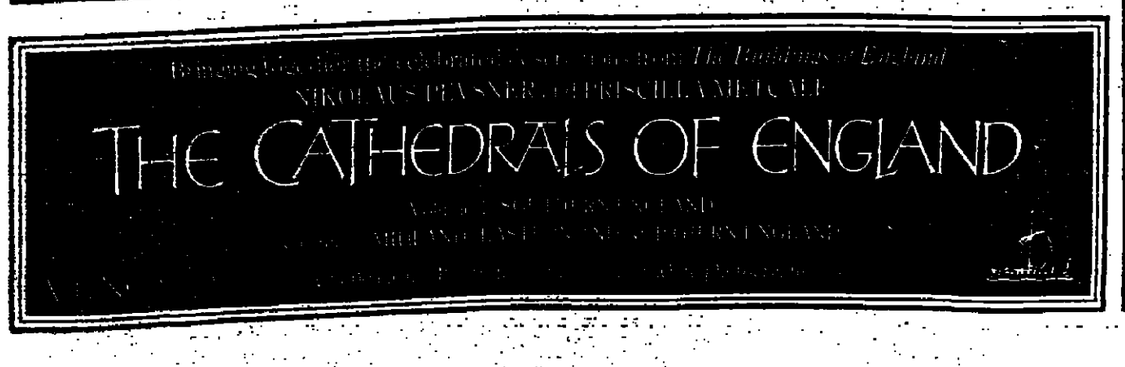
When Alice swallowed the contents of the little bottle marked "Drink me" she found herself suddenly only ten inches high, with an altered view of life and its possibilities. Reading George Ordish's book produces a rather similar effect. The familiar gardener's viewpoint is shown to be but one of many as we explore the terrain and its life as experienced by its other inhabitants. An unexpected world indeed.

There is the beetle which parasitizes the unsuspecting wood ants; fascinating them with its honeyed secretions and turning them into hopeless addicts, who give up their own young for its food and raise its young in their place. And who would have suspected that the galleries made by moles beneath the lawn are elaborate food traps, into which worms and others fall from the surrounding soil, to be eaten by the regularly patrolling mole before they can burrow back to safety? The author's enthusiasm for his subject shines out from the pages, as he calculates how the mole's efficiency at soil moving compares with that of a coal miner. Here is the passionate ecologist, entirely engrossed in his subject, so much so in fact that he hardly knows when to stop.

The Living Garden sets out, however, to be something rather different: a history of the biological changes that have taken place in a Kentish garden over its 400 years of existence from 1556 to the present day. It is a sequel to an earlier work tracing the history of life in all its forms in the adjacent house. Looked at an historical work it lacks conviction. The owners and gardeners pass across the pages as insubstantial, two-dimensional figures, shadow-puppets moving only at the behest of the author, serving as convenient pegs on which to hang the events of the garden's history. Robinson Crusoe comes to mind as one reads this strangely flat, patronizing account of the exploits of our heroes and the various garden improvements they have achieved. It is as difficult to believe that the celebrated gardening books of the period would have found their way into the hands of an isolated Kentish farmer's wife of the late sixteenth century, as that she and her successors could so readily have come by the plants they grew.

The resultant whole is strangely unsatisfactory. Like Alice with her eating and drinking, the author can't seem to get it quite right.





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Tray méchant

Boodle's, the Piccadilly club whose membership includes Prince Charles, has just sent members a testy reminder that female guests will not be admitted wearing "casual trousers, jeans or jump-suits". The clampdown, a member tells me, follows a wave of paranoia over women guests suspected of not being, cough, cough, members' wives. Things are so bad that this week when my information took his wife along a waiter embarrassingly remarked: "We haven't seen you for so long sir." His wife was perfectly aware that he had dined there the night before with a family friend, who happened to be a woman. But Boodle's is keen on tact. The letter explains that next time a member forgets his tie (or his mistress wears a jump-suit) "staff will inform him with a formal card on a salver".

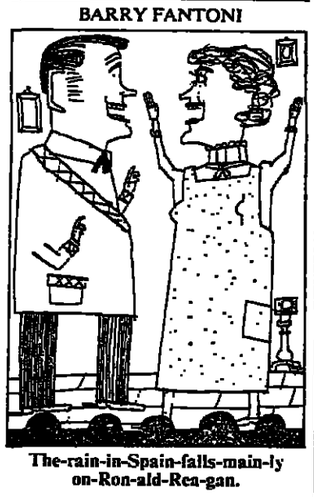
Episcopop

Spotted in the back row of a Harvey and the Wallbangers pop concert at the Bloomsbury Theatre on Tuesday night: the Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife. Their son, James, was directing the group. "We greatly enjoyed it – such energy," Mrs Runcie told me yesterday. Yes, the archbishop did tap his feet. No, he didn't dance in the aisle – "Dancing is not his greatest talent". And how long since he last attended such a concert? "Oh, about 64 years, I should think."

Nasty

Mid-June cannot come quickly enough, I suspect, for Britain's ambassador, Sir Iain Sutherland, to get out of Moscow. As our representative at yesterday's VE celebrations there, he was subjected to deep humiliation by Gorbachov, who during his Kremlin speech accused the West of initially being in league with the Nazis and of behaving like Nazis now. Diplomats said Arthur Hartman, the US ambassador, was right not to attend, and they felt Sir Iain should have done the honourable thing and walked out. Meanwhile "Major" Denis Healey laid wreaths twice – once as a guest of the Communist Party Central Committee, then, with the British delegation.

BARRY FANTONI



The-rain-in-Spain-falls-main-ly on-Ron-ald-Rea-gan.

Pointed

Another voice swells the crescendo of criticism about the Royal Ballet's sad decline. "Everything that has been said is true and the critics are right to complain. We know our standards have dropped and dropped," it says. Who is it? Someone whose views the Royal Ballet can hardly afford to ignore – Dame Ninette de Valois, now 86, who founded the ballet more than 50 years ago. For a catalogue of criticisms she made to a recent meeting of the London Ballet Circle (including "I am sick of people rolling round the floor in all-over tights") see this week's *Stage*.

Fuming

Some joker among the membership of the National Society for Clean Air has nominated Sir Walter Marshall to be the society's honorary president. "A bit like putting King Herod in charge of Save the Children," says my source. Sir Walter, of course, is chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, Britain's largest creator of acid rain.

Great thoughts

A telling anecdote concludes Patrick Cosgrave's new book *Thatcher: The First Term*, out from the Bodley Head next month. Cosgrave recalls how Mrs T once "seized on" his casual remark that if her second term ran its full course she would be the century's longest-serving British prime minister. Using a small Central Office diary he showed her that Wilson and Asquith were her only close rivals. "'Really?' she replied. 'Who was the longest before Asquith?'" The longest-serving 19th-century prime minister was the third Marquess of Salisbury, replied Cosgrave. "'That's fascinating,' she said thoughtfully, and with that distinctive gleam in her eye, 'and he was a *very* great man.'"

Seat lost

It is not just in the Commons that David Owen finds his seat taken. Entering Westminster Abbey yesterday with David Steel, he found his seat at the VE Day service occupied by Enoch Powell. "Why not make a fuss?" quipped Steel. "You might get some publicity." But with the cameras focused on him, Owen wisely decided to perch on the end of the pew instead.

PHS

As the Cabinet meets to discuss the future of state pensions, Graham Seargeant gives a step-by-step guide through the political quagmire that is Serps



Where ministers fear to tread

Pensions are not traditionally something to stir politicians' blood: hence the supposed bipartisan consensus on Britain's pension system. The proposal to abolish the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme or Serps, which the Cabinet will finally discuss today, was not even considered the most significant part of the thoroughgoing review of the welfare state undertaken by Mr Norman Fowler and his Department of Health and Social Security. Abolition would barely affect public expenditure for several years ahead and could actually increase tax rates at the end of the 1980s.

When Mr Lawson considered reforms to the £5 billion of tax reliefs on private occupational pensions in his last Budget, looking for ways to cut income tax rates, he was met by such fierce lobbying that Mrs Thatcher thought it politically wise to advise him to drop it.

Serps, however, has already become a matter of high principle and political anger. Labour's shadow chancellor has claimed that abolition would lead to the Government's "certain and massive defeat" at the next election.

Mrs Thatcher, in a weekend radio interview, seemed to have committed herself already to the virtues of private pension provision for all as an important plank in developing a property-owning democracy: the equivalent of turning council house tenants into owner-occupiers.

The Opposition believes that most of the 11 million people covered by Serps will be left with nothing but the basic flat-rate state pension, which often needs to be topped up by welfare payments. But so far the thing which has caused the greatest offence, occasioning Mr Kinnock's accusation of "ratting", is the idea of breaking the pensions consensus.

The consensus

Consensus was born of bitter experience rather than idealistic conviction. Two contested pension bills fell in swift succession as a result of changes of government. The late Richard Crossman's attempt to give a predominant role to the state and relegate private pension schemes to the fringe was a casualty of Labour's electoral defeat in 1970. Sir Keith Joseph's alternative, which offered a fallback earnings-related pension on private sector lines but unattractive terms, suffered a similar fate in 1974. That left a problem. Millions of blue-collar workers and most employees of small firms had no pension related to their earnings to save them from poverty in old age and were left to rely on supplementary and other welfare benefits which many were too proud to claim.

The fragile 1974 Labour administration opted for a compromise measure that could be accepted by the Opposition in advance – and therefore stand a chance of reaching the statute book and staying there. That was thought essential for a pension plan that would take nearly half a century to mature.

The 1975 Act backed by Barbara Castle filled the pensions gap, giving all employees the chance of an earnings-related pension for the first time, although it did little for the lowest earners. It set standards that private schemes had to match if employers were to contract out of the state plan and avoid the higher National Insurance contributions that went with it. In this way Serps also improved the terms of many company schemes.

The price of consensus, however, was high. To please as many interests as possible, the scheme became expensive. To help women and manual workers whose relative earnings peaked early (both at a disadvantage in company schemes) the Castle Act offered pensions based on the 20 best years of a person's earnings. This necessitated revaluing past earnings for price changes. Index-linking of benefits pleased Conservatives at that time. And the need to mesh in with the private sector greatly added to the complexity. All this left Serps with few really committed enthusiasts. The high standards also put off some employers who might otherwise have made their own provisions.

The fatal flaw, however, was that Serps was a pay-as-you-go system.

Perils of pay-as-you-go

Members of Serps appear to have a contract similar to a private scheme in that their contributions now earn their benefits in retirement. Indeed, they and their employers are currently paying nearly £4 billion a year in higher-rate National Insurance contributions. This money is not being invested, however. A mere £200 million or so is needed for current earnings-related pension payments. The rest goes into the general National Insurance spending pool.

When earnings-related pensions start to be paid on a large scale – an estimated £25 billion in 50 years' time – the cost will have to be paid by those working at the time. This could lead to periodic sharp rises in National Insurance contributions because the population is ageing: Government forecasts suggest that the ratio of workers to pensioners will rise from 3.3 to 3.4 at the start of the next century because of the baby bulge. It will then fall to 2.7 in 40 years' time, however. One way or another the working population will have to pay more for the elderly. Under the Serps system, they will largely do so through higher taxes.

The Government actuary envisages the total cost of flat-rate pensions and Serps rising from 12.5 per cent of earnings now to 19.9 per cent in the year 2025. That assumes, however, that the basic state pension rises in line with national average incomes. If, as of late, it rose only in line with prices, the necessary contribution rate would actually fall right into the next century, rising only to 14.7 per cent in 2025. It might be possible to keep the basic pension constant in money terms with Serps, although it would fall back to 1948 levels as a proportion of average earnings. But if it were abolished, this would scarcely be feasible.

The Institute of Fiscal Studies gives an even more alarming prediction, with the cost of Serps alone rising from 2 per cent of earnings in 1991 to more than 10 per cent in 50 years' time, but this assumes that more of the burden falls on contributors to the pensions scheme.

Why Fowler wants abolition

If such alarming effects on public spending and income taxes are to be avoided altogether, and the pay-as-you-go principle abandoned except for basic pensions, then the sooner a far-sighted government acts to abolish Serps the better. A changeover itself would create a temporary burden because society will in effect be paying for two sets of pensions at the same time: unfunded Serps and the funded replacements. The less pension entitlement built up, the less the pain.

But need Mr Fowler be so far-sighted, or so alarmed? The future cost of pensions depends on all kinds of forecasts about the population and the economy. The rate of births, the improving life expectancy of retired people, the pace of economic growth and the rates of employment and unemployment all make a big difference to the figures. And who can be sure what will happen in the next century, when the costs start to grow?

On a favourable set of assumptions (favourable for pension costs, that is) the cost of Serps plus a constant real flat-rate pension would be no higher in 40 years' time than today, having been lower in between. And that only assumes 1.5 per cent growth and an average 6 per cent unemployment.

Mr Fowler could make more cautious reforms. He could, for instance, limit the amount of earnings eligible for Serps to a totally fixed sum, instead of having the present limit of 1½ times average earnings. Or he could change the terms – for instance, by restricting indexation to the level recently imposed on private schemes, although, ironically, that might bring a stronger charge of "ratting" than complete abolition.

Perhaps Mr Fowler's enthusiasm for abolition is a matter of principle, as Mrs Thatcher seemed to be suggesting. What business is it of the state to arrange more than a basic pension for all? And perhaps it is a radical gesture to distract attention from the lack of radicalism in the rest of his proposals for reforming the welfare state – which are likely to cut public spending, and his department's budget, far less than the Treasury would like.

Lawson's objections

The Chancellor is under pressure to cut tax rates. If Serps is abolished, the extra cost of funding two sets of pensions at the same time could limit, or even eliminate, his opportunities. To start with, those contributing to Serps can hardly be expected to continue. Since the Government is actually using their money for other things, it will have to be recouped, probably by raising the general level of National Insurance contributions for employees and by charging more to employers with contracted-out pension schemes. That includes the public sector.

The Treasury, however, will be desperate to ensure that those who would have been in the state scheme are not left without earnings-related pensions. Otherwise public spending on welfare will rise. Moreover, there will be great pressure to increase the basic state pension. Indeed, some critics of Serps wanted it replaced by a much higher flat-rate pension.

So the Chancellor needs to insist that Serps is replaced by compulsory private pension provision. Since he lost his own Budget battle to reduce tax reliefs on company pensions, he has not been backward in pointing out that this provision could cost the Inland Revenue another £1 billion in tax reliefs.

The pressure on Tebbit

Pressure from industry was one reason why pension tax reliefs were untouched. Employers argued that the money would come from their pockets, increasing employment costs and harming competitiveness.

Much the same applies to the abolition of Serps. Someone has to pay for the double pensions. Employers think it will be them. The Confederation of British Industry has come up with a figure of £3 billion a year, which would undo all the benefits of abolishing the National Insurance surcharge.

This figure may be alarmist but can be justified either as the loss of National Insurance rebates for schemes contracted out of Serps or the cost of providing pensions for all the people who used to be in Serps.

Moreover, the burden will not be shared equally. Employers who do not now have a pension scheme will in future pay less in National Insurance contributions but more for their employees' pensions in other ways. But firms that already have contracted-out schemes will just pay more as the lower rate of contributions rises. These tend to be the bigger employers, many of them at the sharp end of international competition. The last thing they need is a rise in labour costs. That helps to explain why the CBI is so sceptical, whereas the Institute of Directors, many of whose members are small firms, is keen on abolition.

Doubts for Mr King and Lord Young

The prospect of higher short-term costs for industry being loaded on to the price of labour will not encourage ministers who are working on strategies to help price people back into jobs.

They may also regret the loss of one of the main advantages of Serps. Unlike company pension schemes, it does not penalize those who move jobs and is at least no deterrent to labour mobility. If people suddenly see an even greater advantage in a safe job with a big employer with a company pension scheme, mobility will be reduced.

Many Serps contributors work for small firms. If replacement private pensions are to be compulsory, the pensions will have to be portable. As Mr Fowler's recent pension reform has shown, it is nearly impossible to arrange an earnings-related scheme backed by an employer so that the employee avoids losing pension rights on moving or being made redundant. The new pensions would have to be based only on the actual money earned from investing savings. Most employees will prefer to look for an earnings-related scheme.

Some economists will also argue that the switch will damage job prospects by increasing savings at the expense of consumption. That will not cut much ice at Mr Lawson's Treasury, which will argue that this will lower interest rates. But it could provide embarrassing ammunition for the Employment Institute campaign.

Thatcher's dilemma

Abolishing Serps may once have looked like a daring move to privatize pensions, improve choice, slash public spending and cut taxes all at one stroke. If it did, it will certainly not look like that by the time the Cabinet finishes discussing the issue today. Indeed, the more they look at it, the more they may think they need to look at it some more.

For Mrs Thatcher, it seems already to have taken on the more familiar look of a policy that needs to be sold carefully to the public, costly and painful today but necessary for the sake of the long-term health of the economy.

The notion of sweeping away a non-viable consensus will hardly seem a drawback. But the Opposition's insistence on playing the consensus card could ensure that pensions are a major issue at the next general election.

Only insurance companies are obvious short-term winners. Assuming that Serps contributors can be convinced that they will still receive what they have paid for, many will not appreciate losing the earnings-related scheme and it would be easy to present alternative personal portable pensions as a second-class system. Those already in company pension schemes may face higher National Insurance contributions. Employers almost certainly will. The immediate employment implications, though probably not great, are negative.

Mrs Thatcher will be on much stronger ground expounding the right to a private pension as part of a new classless society in which everyone can have and hold his wealth and provide for future generations. The trouble is that private pensions are not quite like owning your own house. You do not control the money; and except for a modest lump sum, you cannot put your hands on it or pass it on to your children. The Government has eschewed the fundamental review of saving for retirement that might have changed this.

The dressing up of Serps as a true pension scheme may be exposed as a con-trick. The real argument runs deeper. Today's working generation cannot collectively guarantee its future living standards in retirement through any financial provision if there are fewer workers and more long-lived retired folk.

The generations have an unspoken social contract over their shares of available resources. If, in a future that seems distant but will soon creep up, the working population is asked to bear too great a burden in taxes, interest or contributions to keep the retired, it will break the contract by changing the rules or cheating the old with inflation.

That may not be a message people want to hear. And there will be no shortage of siren voices armed with alternative forecasts to show that, if only the economy grew faster, and if only more people were in work, there need be no such difficult choices.

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The burden of state pensions: Government actuary's projections

	1984-5	1995-6	2005-6	2015-6	2025-6
Support ratio:					
1. People of working age per pensioner	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.1	2.7
2. National Insurance contributors per pensioner	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.8
The cost in contribution rates as % of earnings					
1. Serps plus basic pension fixed in real terms	12.5	11.9	11.9	13.3	14.7
2. Serps plus basic pension linked to earnings	12.5	13.3	14.3	17.0	19.9

Ronald Butt

Kinnock's phoney history lesson

It was good of Mr Kinnock to reassure us that he "does not believe Mrs Thatcher is a fascist" or "that her government is fascist". Likewise, I can say that I do not think that Mr Kinnock is a communist, or that this would be an appropriate description of any government he led.

On the other hand, if it is a question which one of them approximates more nearly to these approbrious descriptions, Mr Kinnock comes a great deal closer to being a communist than Mrs Thatcher does to being a fascist.

Even her worst enemies could hardly deny that Mrs Thatcher's free market economics are the opposite of the corporatist system favoured by fascist parties in power. Mr Kinnock, on the other hand, is a pretty pure socialist in intention. By that I mean that if he could, by waving a wand, bring into existence his platonic concept of an ideal society, it would be a socialist state in which free capitalism had no part, and in which the government would constantly intervene with acts of redistribution and control to ensure that everyone lived in egalitarian bliss.

In other words, the kind of ideal society he would like to see if he were guided purely by his declared emotions would not be very different from the vision which inspires an idealistic communist.

Where they differ profoundly, of course, is the method, for both are up against the simple fact that if human beings are left free to choose they will not choose socialism in the full technical sense. Recognizing this difficulty, the communist quite rationally takes the view that the only way forward to the goal which would benefit mankind is by revolution, state control of all the bastions of power, and a one-party system.

To a democratic socialist of Mr Kinnock's sort, revolution and undemocratic government are morally unacceptable. His way out of the dilemma is to rise in his party on a tide of socialist rhetoric, to resist every effort to disperse responsibility to individuals (especially by ownership and self-help) and to try to edge forward by stealth and by exploiting discontent. In VE week he has, rather discreditably, seen a way of trying to use the circumstances which assisted the rise of fascism in the 1930s to promote his case against Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Kinnock's historical understanding is, however, even worse than his taste. Of course, it is true that unemployment was one of the factors leading to fascism. But what led to unemployment in Germany? It was the great inflation and currency collapse of the 1920s, and the fear of Bolshevism that resulted from the destabilization of society. It was this that led to the blind willingness of many moderate people to go along with Hitler in the early stages in the hope that they were building a barrier against this threat.

If there are any grounds today for fearing a resurgence of fascism, as Mr Kinnock suggests, they do not lie in the painful bulwarks that have been built in the past four years against inflation and a currency collapse, but in the possibility that politicians in power might again prefer to risk inflation.

Should Mr Kinnock come to power it would be as a democratic socialist pledged to try to create jobs by "reflation" and by more public borrowing. There is little reason for confidence that this would result in an increase in jobs on any significant scale, but there is reason to fear that a currency crisis would return – and that the escape route might be by a move towards the "irreversible" socialist society.

Yet Mrs Thatcher would be misguided if she supposed that because Mr Kinnock's history is false his argument carries no power. The Conservatives' county council election losses reflect a widespread discontent with the Government's performance, not only in respect of jobs but also because its fumbling over local government and rates has created distrust and because it has incurred suspicion of intending harm to the *purposes* of the welfare state.

It is often claimed by supporting politicians that a government's problem is one of communication at times when it really arises from the essence of its policies. In this present case, however, communication really is very near the heart of Mrs Thatcher's difficulty. It is not simply that her adamant style gives the impression that she is more inflexible than is really the case, though that is part of it.

Her principal difficulty is that she cannot understand why the mass of evidence that convinces her does not convince everybody. That is why she answers questions (as in her radio broadcast on Sunday) with a deluge of detail which, for the ordinary listener, makes the wood almost invisible for the trees. Because she herself is rightly convinced that inflation remains a serious danger, and the sharp rise in the money supply last month confirms it she cannot see why it is that, now it has been reduced to around 5 per cent, it appears to the ordinary citizen sufficiently less a danger to enable the government to make direct action on unemployment its priority in this parliament.

The political problem faced by the Government in this Parliament is very different from that which it had to deal with in the last. New (non-inflationary) methods and a new vocabulary are needed to deal with it. In many ways Mrs Thatcher is highly sensitive to public opinion. She knows that distaste for the easy money and the property boom of the 1970-74 period did much to damage Mr Heath's Government, quite apart from industrial unrest over wage policy. She understands that there must be no repetition of that mood now. Yet to many people the emphasis on the prosperity of those who are in work and are enjoying the new enterprise society (even though this will ultimately benefit all) also seems to accord ill with the plight of those who seem fixed in unemployment. The electorate really has to be convinced that Mrs Thatcher's classless enterprise society does not ignore those whom the new spirit of enterprise cannot yet help.

It is not an easy task, but politics are about persuasion. The fact that Mr Kinnock is wrong in his political and historical analysis will not necessarily keep him from power which, if he secured it, really would bring a risk of a destabilized society in which the collapse of the economic system could give credibility to arbitrary politics of one sort or another. The fact that Mrs Thatcher's basic diagnosis is right will not necessarily assure her of the third term which she needs if socialism, as we have known it in Britain is to be removed from the political agenda.

***moreover* . . . Miles Kington**

Celebrate, lest we remember

To make up for being rude about Radio 4 the other day, I would like to congratulate them on their superb programming one recent Sunday. They broadcast a long documentary about the Somerset Levels, that mysterious stretch of country south of Wells and Glastonbury where little churches stand on pimples of land, surrounded by criss-crossing dykes and rivers, as if half expecting the sea to come back and cover it all again. The land where King Alfred found his last retreat before making the big comeback against the Danes, and where the Duke of Monmouth was also forced to stand and fight, though with a quite different result.

It was followed immediately by part of an adaptation of Conan Doyle's *Micah Clarke*, his historic novel about the Monmouth Rebellion, and indeed that evening's episode dramatized the Battle of Sedgemoor, which took place in the Somerset Levels, that mysterious stretch of country south of etc etc. A very good adaptation it was, too: I've always had a sneaking affection for Doyle's historical stories, even if they tend to be tales for boys rather than grown-up stuff.

It was, all in all, quite an evening for anyone who would like radio to confine itself to the Somerset Levels. I can imagine that some people have other interests, and I often do myself, but what was so superb about Radio 4's planning that evening was that they must have known that I would be driving back from Plymouth to Bath at that time, across the Somerset Levels, that mysterious stretch of country where the eels come up the River Parrott once a year, and people get drunk and fall in trying to catch them.

The documentary ended as the light was fading and as I entered the Levels. The Battle of Sedgemoor started on the radio when it was dark, and this was well planned too, because the battle itself took place at night, a last desperate attempt by the Duke's men to sneak up on the King's camp by dark, only thwarted at the last moment by a huge uncrossable dyke in their path. As I drove I could almost hear the crackle of the musket fire, the hooves of the King's cavalry trampling the Somerset farmers and Taunton gentlemen, and their agonized cries as they tried to escape.

Come to think of it, I could hear it. It was all on the radio.

Now, the Monmouth Rebellion was not a campaign on the scale of the Second World War, but I think it does provide an answer to Mr B. A. Young, whose letter in Tuesday's *Times* pleaded for a ceasefire from war anniversaries. The answer, surely, is not to give up celebrating victories, but to start celebrating victories which no longer matter. This July occurs the 300th anniversary of the Battle of Sedgemoor. Not being a denizen of the Levels, I can't be positive, but I am willing to bet that feelings no longer run high over the defeat.

I am also in favour of prejudice being celebrated when it no longer exists, which is why November 5 is a more hopeful date than VE Day. I came across a good example of this in Louisiana two years ago, when I found an item on a menu called "Wop Salad". Wop being a very rude word for Italians, I asked the waiter if it had some other meaning on menus.

"Nope," he said. "It means Italian salad."

"Isn't that very offensive to Italians?"

"Sure. But there ain't no Italians round here."

That's what I call meaningful prejudice. Being rude about someone you don't know and who can't hear you. It is as if we told Tasmanian jokes, and the Australians told Irish jokes.

Meanwhile, I shall be preparing a small street party to celebrate the Battle of Sedgemoor. I am not sure yet which side I shall be drinking to, but that's a small detail. After all, it was so long ago and besides, both sides were English.

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THE MORAL BATTLEFIELD

The President of the United States flattered the Parliamentarians of Strasbourg yesterday. He pulled them from their staples, their milk, their cereals, their endless battles with the Berlaymont. He exorcised what has come to be called Euro-pessimism, often just a new name for the spirit of Vichy, appeasement, a moral yawn and a fashionable feigned indifference to the scale and mobility of Soviet power to the East and to its surrogates to the West and South, too.

He asked them, albeit briefly, to gaze beyond their constituencies to a set of ideals. These are the ideas of the French and Anglo-Scottish Enlightenment and of American democracy, transplanted into Germany and Italy at the War's end, now flourishing in Spain and Portugal; these are the ideas to which entry is barred in the Harzgebirge by machine guns and in Brno by jamming devices. These ideas are rooted in hugely successful economic systems, the productivity of which is the natural result of their freedom. And so to the necessity of resolute defence.

This was no presidential grandstanding for the sake of American domestic politics. Europeans little realize how gladly Illinois would settle for troop withdrawals and fortress America. President Reagan's message about restoring strength and rectifying the balance of arms is not new; the novelty of Strasbourg lay rather in his invocation of a moral equivalent to that readjustment. Spiritual self confidence among the nations of western Europe is a necessary corollary of military preparedness and there is much to be said for an American president, successor to Wilson and Roosevelt, previous saviours of Europe, urging it upon us.

The Strasbourg speech had important sub-texts. One was about the Strategic Defence Initiative. Doubtless there was reassurance for Mrs Thatcher and Herr Kohl in the President's recapitulation that decisions on the production and deployment of SDI weaponry will be discussed with the Soviets. But here, too, was a right and proper dismissal of the hand-wringing that fears SDI research and development will provoke the Soviet Union.

Another touched on Central America – it appeared to be Mr Reagan's references to Nicaragua that provoked Labour's Euro-clowns into their display of boorishness. Europeans may find his message unpalatable; they dislike its unsubtlety; but Mr Reagan left his listeners in no doubt about the intensity of this issue within American foreign policy. The response of the United States, the President said, cannot be appeasement. Europe's lesson to the world from the war whose end was yesterday celebrated was of the costs of appeasing sworn enemies of the Western ideal; the roseate hue in which Managua is seen, whether in Paris or Madrid or Strasbourg, will not do.

For those with a sense of historic Europe Mr Reagan's realism perhaps seemed harsh: there is no likelihood of "convergence" between East and West. Therein lay the germ of yesterday's message to the Soviet Union – no threat to Soviet security will come from the West. And yet Europe's reintegration remains an ideal as long as the regimes of the East are not safe from the spread of ideas, ideas about freedom, within their bounds. We live, Mr Reagan said, in an extended period of moral competition. The Parliament of Europe – all Europe – was yesterday invited most eloquently to refresh its confidence in victory.

PROTECTION FOR PARLIAMENT

The world textile industry probably suffers more distortions to trade from protectionist measures than any other except agriculture. The centre of that network of quotas, tariffs, preferences and bilateral deals is the third Multi Fibre Arrangement, which is due to expire next year. The future, if any, of the MFA and the 500-odd quota arrangements it permits, is to be discussed by industrial and developing countries at the Gatt textile committee this summer. The spirit of those talks, in particular the attitude of importing countries to a protectionist umbrella that has long ceased to have any justification, will test how far Western leaders are prepared to translate their regular declarations in favour of free trade at economic summits into action. That might also be a useful pointer to whether the new round of Gatt negotiations President Reagan was so keen to put on the calendar at Bonn might halt rather than merely detour the growing tide of protectionism.

Protection is notoriously hard to dismantle once it has been established, for it creates a powerful lobby for its maintenance, while the interest of consumers is less focused. This unhealthy feature is likely to be demonstrated vocally when the House of Commons debates the MFA this afternoon. Mr Paul Channon, the trade minister who will open the debate, is likely to face far more calls for protection from members of all parties from textile constituencies than he will receive support from those who take a greater interest in the estimated £700 million British consumers pay in higher prices as a result of textile protection, let alone the wider interests of other British firms in open markets and the markets for British capital goods in prosperous developing countries.

Under European Community rules, Britain will be merely playing a part in developing an EEC negotiating position. France and Italy favour continuing protection, while even Germany, which has conducted a far more liberal trade under the MFA, is only likely to press for a new "final" time-limited fourth MFA. Yet the contrast between the development of the British and German textile industries forms an eloquent case for Britain to press for the abolition of the MFA system.

While the German industry has adapted to third world competition by developing new high-value textiles that rely on the close integration of fashion, marketing and production, too many British firms, for all the traumas, mill closures and job losses of recent years, have not made that transition. That has left us open to competition from industrial countries (which now sell us three times as much as developing countries) while still fearing free trade in basic price-sensitive goods. Protection, far from being an umbrella for change and development, has merely given a false sense of security.

Britain has developed skills and specialities in the textile business, particularly in wool goods, that can stand up to any competition other than aggressive dumping. The European textile industries as a whole, many of which have invested more strongly than survival-conscious British firms, are now in as strong a position as they will ever be to face free trade.

The prospects for a free textile trade look grim however. The United States has pushed the protection permitted under the MFA to the limit, if not beyond. That must cast doubt not only over the MFA talks, but over the true prospects of a wider Gatt agreement to break down barriers. America's trade is suffering chiefly from its combination of domestic boom and the high dollar. It is doubtful if any Gatt negotiations could provide sufficient help to the US to head off the ensuing protectionist tendency.

DEATH WISH AT UNESCO

Today in Paris the governing board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization begins a six-week marathon in which it must agree on the thrust of Unesco's programme for the next two years and assess the performance of Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, Unesco's director general, in relation to the modest reforms it has demanded. These seek to redress Unesco's ideological bias and gross mismanagement, and to render it once again responsive both to the high aims of its constitution and to the needs of its member states. The board must take decisions which will determine whether or not Unesco's long drawn out crisis will become its death agony.

The board is not short of yardsticks: criteria have been set out in dozens of official letters, from Britain among others, and in resolutions painfully negotiated between the board's 50 members. These have recently been reinforced by the Geneva group, which is composed of countries which pay over 70 per cent of the budget of the UN agencies, by EEC ministers and, significantly, by Unesco's host government, France.

Mr M'Bow's response has characteristically combined silence, defensiveness and outright defiance. He has sought to neutralize the board by depriving it of the basic information it needs to reach decisions, both on the future programme and such elementary matters of good housekeeping as the cuts required now to meet the financial gap created this year by the withdrawal last December of the United States. His progress report on Unesco's report on the implementation of the package of administrative reforms agreed last year, which was submitted to a sub-committee of the board on which sit many of his natural third world and eastern bloc allies, was so nugatory that it was unanimously rejected and Unesco ordered to come up with a better one.

By ensuring that key papers for the agenda are made available too late or not at all Mr M'Bow is employing his familiar tactic of imposing disorder in order to impose his will. In this he has some unexpected assistance from third world governments. The most concrete document available on Unesco's management practices is the report prepared last year by the General Accounts Office of the US Congress. Discussion of the report, which gives details of the misuse of funds and on a personnel policy wide open to the use of patronage and which emphasizes the personal responsibility of Mr M'Bow, has been formally requested by seven governments, including Britain. The Unesco secretariat has failed to translate it into French, the board's second working language, thus effectively blocking its discussion. Third world governments, which last year appeared to understand that if they wished to save Unesco they must associate themselves with the reform effort, have returned to the familiar tactic of confrontation and opposed the inclusion of the report on the board's agenda.

It will be easy for western governments to be locked in arguments with the third world, still easier for them to concentrate on the small print of compromise in the absence of satisfactory documentation. If they are not thus to be outmanoeuvred they should insist that Unesco provides the papers they need, if necessary suspending the board until these are produced. They should make clear that they view the blocking of the GAO report as an act of defiance which they will not tolerate. They should demand a clear statement on Unesco's priorities from its director general, whose opening summary is devoid of strategic proposals.

Britain can and should play a leading role. It cannot afford not to do so, given that Mr M'Bow has responded to Sir Geoffrey Howe's letter giving notice of our withdrawal at the end of this year by expressing his surprise and citing the full support and endorsement given to him last year by the British Government. Clearly, plainer speaking is required, even if no remedies can cure a patient who, in the person of Mr M'Bow, exhibits such a formidable death wish.

The right to choose

From Mr Charles Davey

Sir, Dr Digby Anderson (April 23) thinks I should get a tax refund if I educate my child privately. I would support him if he would agree that I should be allowed to deduct from my income tax that proportion that pays for war preparations and give it to War on Want instead.

I would add, that if his "State Schooling Spokesperson" is founded on personal experience (which I doubt) he has been exceptionally unfortunate. In my own experience, my children and grandchildren have received courtesy and help in their choice of school; and when I have decided to teach my child at home, or to have our children attend an independent school, it has not occurred to me to expect to opt out of paying my contribution to maintain a network of adequately funded schools that satisfy most of the needs of most people.

Nor would one think it unreasonable if the tax concessions allowed to independent schools as charitable foundations (because they began as institutions to provide for "poor scholars") were to be removed, to enable that adequate funding that could reduce class sizes, buy more books, and meet the many needs of State schools particularly in "deprived" areas.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES DAVEY,
Home Farm,
Betws Bledrws,
Lampeter,
Dyfed.
April 23.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Farm prices in a world-wide context

From Lord Walston

Sir, Hitherto the dispute about the reform of the common agricultural policy has been regarded as a matter affecting only the consumers, the tax payers and the farmers of the Community. Since the Bonn summit it is seen to have far wider implications in the field of world trade and the future of talks on a revision of the Gatt.

Few developed countries do not give some protection to their own agriculture. Their right to do so is not at issue. The matter takes on an international dimension when subsidized farm products are dumped in large quantities on the world market.

It is this that must be stopped. Fortunately there is a simple method by which this dumping can be avoided, while at the same time the Community's farmers can be protected. The Community should now prepare a forecast of its needs of dairy products, cereals and sugar, for five years ahead. These quantities (the Quantum) are well below present levels of production.

Only for the Quantum will guaranteed prices be paid. Farmers will be free to produce as much as they wish (or as nature will allow them to), but the surplus will be sold on the world market at world prices. In order to allow farmers time to adjust to this new system the Quantum will start at current levels, but be reduced annually by 5 per cent until it matches Community consumption.

At the same time imports will be progressively freed, so that these three commodities will, at the end of the transitional period, be sold at world prices.

Deficiency payments, based on the difference between these world prices and the guaranteed price, will be paid to farmers. These will be handed over to member states on the basis of their average production, or, in the case of cereals, their average acreage, over the past three years.

Each member state will be free to distribute these payments in any way it sees fit, for instance, weighting them in favour of small or disadvantaged farmers. They will also be free to supplement them from their own resources.

In this way farmers will be protected against sudden fluctuations, and will be assured a fair price for producing the amounts needed by consumers; consumers will have the benefit of cheaper food; the liability of the taxpayer will no longer be open ended; and one of the greatest impediments to further trade talks will have been removed – and the objections of both President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl will have been overcome.

WALSTON,
House of Lords.

40 years on

From Mr Miles Copeland

Sir, While the storm over the Bitburg incident was still raging, it would have been inappropriate to chide critics of President Reagan for not showing deference to those who suffered at the hands of the Nazis. Now that it is all over, however, would you allow a few inches of space in his defence?

It happens that a huge majority of Americans subscribe to a religion whose central tenet is forgiveness – not forgetting, but forgiving. Moreover, even those of us who do not take our religion seriously see a need for "a spirit of reconciliation" which overrides all emotional considerations.

In fact, if we do *not* begin to infuse more of this spirit into all of out international relationships we can look forward not only to an interminable continuation of those hatreds which keep the conflicts of the Lebanon, Northern Ireland and other such hot spots going, but to new ones which a continuing atmosphere of vindictiveness is certain to breed.

Faithfully yours,
MILES COPELAND,
3 The Green,
Aston Rowant,
Oxford.
May 6.

From Mr J. D. Holzhauer

Sir, In view of the date, a visit to the Imperial War Museum on the Bank Holiday seemed quite appropriate. Unfortunately, when I arrived there, I found that the museum would not be opening today!

Yours faithfully,
J. D. HOLZHAUER,
71 Duke's Avenue, W4.
May 6.

Halting nuclear spread

From Dr Geoffrey Lee Williams and Mr Alan Lee Williams

Sir, Lord Ennals *et al* (April 25) adopt a simplistic line towards the complexities involved in negotiating a comprehensive treaty to halt or inhibit the spread of nuclear weapons.

Of course, it is undesirable that states like Argentina, Israel, South Africa, Taiwan and South Korea, etc, might seek nuclear capabilities in a bid to deal with their perceived security requirements. Yet even if they should press ahead and acquire nuclear weapons it is unlikely that this would constitute an unacceptable threat to mankind. However, such proliferation would undeniably deepen regional conflicts and have ultimately far-reaching implications for international politics.

But that said, it is unlikely that any of the above-mentioned powers would have the means or the motivation to develop delivery vehicles that could threaten the position of the more sophisticated members of the nuclear club, or directly attack targets in the UK, for example. Moreover, should the possibilities of strategic defence improve, as seems likely, then the spread of nuclear weapons will hardly be a major world problem.

It is now widely recognised that the entry into force of a comprehensive nuclear test ban would have to be accompanied by a complete ban on all nuclear explosions, because the basic technologies of nuclear weapons and nuclear explosives for peaceful applications are identical. Needless to say, enormous difficulties therefore exist in establishing international arrangements for the conduct of nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes in the framework of a nuclear test ban treaty.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY LEE WILLIAMS,
ALAN LEE WILLIAMS,
Reform Club,
Pall Mall, SW1.

Use of calculators

From Mr Lewis Stretch

Sir, Is our object in teaching mathematics in our schools to enable our children to achieve some degree (their individual maxima) of comprehension of the *lingua franca* of the technology that sustains any advanced economy, and understanding of both its power and limitations, so that they can discharge the duties that will fall on them as adult citizens sensibly and sensitively; or to become mere operators of electronic machinery, helots highly skilled in sophisticated techniques, but basically, dangerously un-selfdisciplined intellectually (as well as in other spheres)?

Learning the keys and the tricks playable on calculators contributes as little to the former as learning to type and sitting in front of the goggle-box does to developing the ability to read, write and appreciate literary forms.

Our post-war addiction to soft options and easy, instant solutions is a major cause of the regular tale of fine technical research and development degenerating into fantasies instead of any profit to the community, as your comments on the latest turn in the nuclear fiasco rightly demonstrates.

Yours faithfully,
LEWIS STRETCH,
1 Manor Close,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch,
Leicestershire.

Back to the Tudors

From Professor Brian Griffiths and Mr Peter Warburton

Sir, In their correspondence following the charter for jobs, Messrs Douglas Jay and Christopher Johnson (April 26 and 27) have made a number of misleading assertions.

The "misery index" quoted by Christopher Johnson suffers from a number of deficiencies: it arbitrarily assumes that a 1 per cent increase in prices has the same effect in reducing economic welfare as an increase in unemployment of 250,000; it further assumes that unemployment can be completely controlled by government in a similar way to inflation; it fails to distinguish anticipated from unanticipated inflation; and it makes no reference to any external events such as oil price shocks, which arguably have affected inflation only temporarily but unemployment permanently. As a result the index is devoid of content.

Mr Douglas Jay rightly draws attention to the rise in world inflation since the late sixties. However it would be inaccurate to portray the inflationary episode of 1972-5 solely in those terms: a neglect of monetary control and fiscal laxity compounded the problem to a great extent.

The unifying folly of the Wilson-Heath-Callaghan era was a belief in wage and price controls in the face of excess demand. It has since been demonstrated that these devices are neither necessary nor sufficient to control inflation, but that control of demand through monetary and fiscal policy is essential.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN GRIFFITHS,
PETER WARBURTON,
City University
Business School,
Frobisher Crescent,
Barbican Centre, EC2.

Poaching black rhinos

From Mr Simon Guild

Sir, It was with great interest that I read Mr Paul Cullen's letter concerning the plight of the black rhino in Zimbabwe (April 20). Clearly, Mr Cullen has investigated some of the statistics which surround the brutal destruction of this once widespread animal, and, in laying the blame (if only obliquely) at the feet of the Zambian Government, he is perhaps drawing the obvious conclusions.

In 1983 I worked for several months for the Save the Rhino Trust (SRT) in the Luangwa Valley, a National Park of some 20,000 sq km in the remote Eastern Province of Zambia. The Luangwa Valley is an isolated paradise: outside the tourist area the only tracks are constructed with SRT money and there are so few of these that all patrols are conducted on foot.

Mr Cullen observed that the poached rhino he saw were killed with 0.375 bullets: nowadays, poachers are often armed with automatic weapons, making poaching easy and the job of SRT patrols even more hazardous, since many of these patrols culminate in a "shoot-out".

With only 20 men to cover 20,000 sq km the patrols would appear to face an impossible task, yet they have managed to delay the moment of extinction for a few more precious years.

Catching poachers is, however, an almost futile task. The Africans who risk the wrath of a charging rhino are rewarded with mere small change compared with the thousands of pounds earned by the middle-men. Dr Esmond Bradley Martin, an expert in this field, has traced the consumption of rhino horn – to North Yemen, in particular, there the horns become handles for traditional daggers, known as "jambias".

Effectively the black rhino population is a well dedicated to the fuelling of human vanity. But, like the oil-wells which have furnished so much of the wealth which allows this vanity to be satiated, the supply of black rhinos will dry up. It is the market for rhino horn which must be eradicated; there will always be men ready to kill for money.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON GUILD,
Selwyn College,
Cambridge.
April 20.

Social work and social justice

From Mr T. D. Bamford

Sir, It was refreshing to read your balanced editorial on the issues posed by the Jasmine Beckford case (April 18). Social workers are peculiarly vulnerable to the gift of hindsight, possessed so abundantly by judges, journalists and junior ministers. Yet when they take the delicate decisions balancing the sometime conflicting interests of natural parents and of their children, they do so in the context of a legal framework which reflects the confusion of society.

A review of child-care law is now under way. That should make it clear whether social workers should take into account the interests of the child or should accord them paramountcy.

While a clear legal statement would help, social work itself needs to rid itself of the internal confusion generated by its concern for social justice which leads to muddled equalitarianism. This has been exemplified by the policies of Camden's director of social services to achieve a quota of social workers from ethnic minorities by appointing unqualified workers from the appropriate ethnic background rather than maintain a policy of appointing only qualified staff.

To put unqualified black staff into this position invites a racist backlash, and in its implication that black clients can be offered a second class service is itself racist.

Social work has to put its own house in order and protect itself against the vagaries of local authority policies by developing a strong body concerned to promote and enforce good standards of practice. The Barclay committee in 1982 advocated an independent inspectorate, and – while not truly independent – an inspectorate has now been created by the Secretary of State for Social Services.

But it also considered a General Social Work Council as a means of strengthening professional accountability and affording protection to the public. Current developments suggest that it is time for the Secretary of State urgently to consider how this could best be brought about.

Your faithfully,
T. D. BAMFORD, Director,
Southern Health and Social Services Board,
20 Seagoe Industrial Area,
Portadown,
Craigavon,
co Armagh.
April 22.

Science and wealth

From Dr Donald Broadbent, FRS

Sir, It is a pity to have to differ from Keith Harrap (April 19), who is usually a man of good judgment. But he really cannot get away with writing as if those concerned over the current state of science in Britain had a desire for "blue skies" or "curiosity-oriented" research.

Immediately next to his letter you printed a leader about the Future European Fighter Aircraft. As you say, that project has been under planning since the 1970s and is still mostly paper.

The complex products that create a wealth base in the modern world may not reach the consumer for 20 to 40 years after the research that made them possible. In most fields no British manufacturer will fund such a long lead time. They are parasitic on university and Government research.

The situation is, of course, different in the United States, where (in my own field) the laboratories of Bell, Xerox, IBM, or RCA lead rather than follow the universities.

Pace Professor Sir Douglas Hague, however ("Industry today", April 3), it is not a viable strategy to stop basic research in Britain and use theirs. One needs close contact between developer and researcher, and US or Japanese knowhow will be used where it was acquired.

Keith and Sir Douglas suggest that the cuts in strategic research are in some mysterious way a consequence of, or price to pay for, increased tactical research. But there is no evidence that the savings on one will be spent on the other. We in British science are, in the absence of private funding for long-lead research, like a man with only one leg: it does not help to cut off the other.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD BROADBENT,
Wolfson College,
Oxford.

Albert's cross

From Mr Gerald Savory

Sir, When the renovation of the Albert Memorial is completed I hope the cross at the top will be returned to its correct position – i.e. facing the Albert Hall, as is shown in earlier photographs.

The mistake was made in the memorial's last face-lift some twenty years ago.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD SAVORY,
20 Charles Street, W1.

Control of the NCCL

From Mr Raymond Blackburn

Sir, The ideas of right and duty are "strictly correlative". One man's right is another man's duty. This salutary principle of the common law clearly implies that the man with a right may or may not exercise it. A right which must be exercised becomes a duty.

The National Council for Civil Liberties do not appear to have understood this. They argue that a man has a right to strike but no corresponding right to work. In a free society there must be both a right to work and a right to strike and both rights must be unqualified.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND BLACKBURN,
50 Homefield Road,
Chiswick,
W4.
May 3.

Gnarled oak, soft myrtle

From the Secretary of the Tree Council

Sir, On April 19 her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother planted a mulberry tree at Anne Hathaway's cottage to inaugurate the Shakespeare Tree Garden.

This garden, which is being developed jointly by the Tree Council and the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, is to have specimens of all the trees mentioned in Shakespeare's works. By each tree a quotation which refers to it will be displayed.

Consultation of reference books has yielded the following list of trees: almond, apple, ash, bay, birch, box, cedar, cherry, chestnut, crab, cypress, elder, fig, hawthorn, holly, laurel, medlar, mulberry, myrtle, oak, peach, pear, pine, plane, plum, pomegranate, quince, sycamore, walnut, willow, yew.

We are anxious to leave no tree unplanted that has a rightful claim to be represented, and wonder if your readers can repair any omission from the list with the text and source of the relevant quotation.

Yours faithfully,
P. N. GEROSA, Secretary,
The Tree Council,
Agriculture House,
Knightsbridge, SW1.
April 29.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 9 1936

The annexation of Abyssinia by Italy was announced by Mussolini on May 10, an act which had been fully expected. The assumption by King Victor Emmanuel of the title of Emperor of Abyssinia was, though, a surprise. The emperor Haile Selassie (1892-1975) had escaped capture; he resumed his reign in May 1941 following the defeat of Italian forces by the British.

NEW REGIME IN ADDIS ABABA

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

ROME, MAY 8

The keynote of all telegrams from Addis Ababa to-day is that the town is rapidly settling down and adapting itself to the Italian occupation.

Marshal Badoglio has issued another proclamation, this time to the people of Shoa. After stating that he has come to bring peace and justice to their territory and to maintain order and discipline, he issues a warning that all who are found guilty of attempts against the safety of the Army, against the lives of citizens, and against property will be tried by the Military Tribunal. Those who are guilty of rebellion, brigandage, looting, espionage, and attempts against the troops and those of the populace who have made spontaneous acts of submission will, he adds, be especially liable to punishment. . . .

Major Bottai, the new Civil Governor of Addis Ababa, was installed in the Imperial *Gibbi* (palace) yesterday, in the presence of Signor Lessona, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Military fatigue parties are gradually removing the debris left after the rioting and are clearing the areas which were burned out. Badly damaged buildings are being demolished, and shopkeepers, many of whom successfully resisted attempts by the mob to pillage their premises, are all engaged in a gallant effort to make "business as usual" their motto. The presence of an army of prospective buyers has stimulated the business fraternity to great activity, and a host of Greek, Armenian, French, and other merchants have hastened to Jibuti by rail to replenish and augment their normal stocks.

FUTURE OF RAILWAY

With the railway line guarded by Italian Askaris as far as the frontier of French Somaliland, traffic is stated to be proceeding in absolute safety, although one correspondent hints that the presence of bands of marauders near certain stretches of the line is causing some anxiety to the Italian guards. A special board has been set up to control the working of the line, although it is stated that "for the moment the company working the line remains French." The French troops who were sent to Addis Ababa are already on their way back to Jibuti.

Great activity by marauding bands has also been reported from the districts around Addis Ababa. In one case a German and his wife were besieged in their house about 30 miles from the town. The woman succeeded in escaping, and made her way to the Italian Command, which immediately dispatched a squadron of cavalry to disperse the raiders.

The many fugitives from Addis Ababa are stated to be returning, and to reestablish confidence the Italian command has ordered the Bank of Ethiopia to reopen. As soon as the news became known the people are stated to have crowded to the building asking for their thalers to be changed into Italian money, in which "they have the greatest confidence."

Much of the responsibility for the looting in the town is placed by the Italians on the Emperor, whose last words as he left Addis Ababa are alleged to have been: "Open my palaces to the people. Leave nothing which may serve the Italians. Sack and burn everything inside and outside the *Gibbi*." . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 8: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by The Prince Edward, this morning attended a Service in Westminster Abbey to commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Her Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses were received by the Dean of Westminster (the Very Reverend Edward Carpenter).

The Archbishop of Canterbury preached the Sermon.

The Countess of Airlie, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore, Air Vice-Marshal Richard Peirse and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP, (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, attended a luncheon organized by the Variety Club of Great Britain in aid of the Trust, at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W1.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace presented the 1985 Prince Philip Medal to Mr Bryan Down.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Golden Jubilee Reception given by the *Geographical Magazine* at the Travellers' Club, Pall Mall, SW1.

Squadron Leader Timothy Finneron was in attendance.

His Royal Highness later attended an Army Benevolent Fund Dinner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, SW3.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Northern Ireland today.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received at Aldergrove airport by the General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland (Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Richardson) and the Chief Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary (Sir John Hermon).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning visited Ben Madigan Preparatory Department of Belfast Royal Academy and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County Borough of Belfast (the Lord Glentoran) and the Headmaster of the Academy (Mr W. M. Sillery).

Her Royal Highness was later entertained at luncheon at Hillsborough Castle and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Down (Colonel William Brann).

In the afternoon, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, toured the Fund's Farm at Minnowburn, escorted by the President, Save the Children Fund, Northern Ireland (the Hon Mrs King).

Afterwards, Her Royal Highness opened Portavogie Harbour and toured the Harboue and Scampi Processing Plant, escorted by the Chairman of the Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority for Portavogie, Ardgass and Kilkeel (Mr G. Ledwidge).

Her Royal Highness attended a Reception at Hillsborough Castle given by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (the Right Hon Douglas Hurd, MP).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended a Service in Belfast Cathedral to commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County Borough of Belfast, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Belfast (Councillor and Mrs A. Ferguson) and the Dean of Belfast Cathedral (the Very Reverend S. B. Crooks).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was later entertained at dinner at Hillsborough Castle by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

The Countess of Lichfield and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

May 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning attended a Service in Westminster Abbey to commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

Her Majesty honoured the Chairman of Mobil Oil Company Limited (Mr J. C. Lowein) with her presence at luncheon at Mobil House, Victoria Street, to mark the Centenary of the Company.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 8: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this morning attended a Service in Westminster Abbey to commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness, as President, was present at View Day at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London EC1.

Lieutenanat-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 7: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, Midland's Division, Women's Royal Voluntary Service, this morning reopened King George VI Club, Hanley.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness visited Precision Studios, Fenton and Coalport, Stoke-on-Trent.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

May 8: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this morning attended a Service in Westminster Abbey to commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

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Captain Charles Blount was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent left today for a three-day visit to the Channel Islands to attend celebrations commemorating the Fortieth Anniversary of their liberation.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs David Napier.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

May 8: Princess Alexander and the Hon Angus Ogilvy this morning attended a Service in Westminster Abbey to commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

The Prince of Wales to be Patron of the Gloucestershire Food, Fruit and Grain Society, in succession to the late Duke of Beaufort.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will attend Founder's Day of the 150th anniversary celebrations at Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London University, on May 15.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will attend *The Times* Bicentenary gala evening at Hampton Court on July 11.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Beeching will be held on Monday, June 3, 1985, at noon at St Margaret's Church, Westminster.

A memorial service for Mr H. N. Sporborg will be held in the Chapel of the Order of St Michael and St George, St Paul's Cathedral, today at 11.30 am.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of John L. Harvey will be held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on Friday May 10 at 11.00am.

Royal Society of St George

The Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs' ladies, was present in Guildhall Yard yesterday at the presentation of a Batmear to Motability and to Sir James Stuart-Menteth, of BLESMA, by the City of London Branch of the Royal Society of St George. A VE-Day thanksgiving service was held afterwards at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall.

Durbar Ball

The Durbar Ball is to be held at Queen's Eyot, Eton, on July 5, in aid of the Bhopal gas disaster. Tickets are now available at £30 each from Venetia Hoare, Trinity College, Cambridge, CB2 1TQ.

Richmond Tutorial College

The Richmond Tutorial College has recently moved to 105 Kew Road, Richmond. Former or prospective pupils wishing to contact the principal should telephone 01 948 1287.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: The Earl of Morton to be Lord-Lieutenant for the Lothian Region (District of West Lothian), in succession to the Marquess of Linlithgow, who will be resigning on July 31.

Lord Bellwin, former Minister of State at the Department of Environment, to be a member of the Commission on New Towns.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. G. C. Nevill
and Miss V. J. Maynard

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of the late Lord Rupert Nevill and Lady Rupert Nevill, of Old House Farm, Glynde, Lewes, Sussex, and Venetia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Maynard, of 38 Bradbourne Street, London, SW6.

Mr G. P. N. Bowers
and Miss L. J. Welchman

The engagement is announced between Gregory, second son of the late Mr John Bowers and Mrs Lois Bowers, of Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, and Lucy Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Welchman, of Leigh, Kent.

Mr R. S. Ruttle
and Miss L. J. Brook

The engagement is announced between Richard Sutcliffe, only son of Dr and Mrs S. Ruttle, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, and Linda Jane, eldest daughter of Group Captain and Mrs J. M. Brook, of Bushey, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Mr J. J. R. Guinness
and Miss C. A. Uniacke

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 4, 1985 at the church of St Peter, Market Bosworth, of Mr Jasper Guinness, son of the Hon Jonathan Guinness and Mrs Paul Channon, and Miss Camilla Uniacke, daughter of Mr Robie Uniacke and the late Mrs Sally Uniacke. The Rev Edwin Boston officiated, assisted by Canon John Seymour.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Augusta Ogilvy, Louis Mosley, Marina Hanbury, Otis Ferry, Natalia Gilmour and Max Langton-Lockton. Mr Conor Bradford was best man.

A reception was held at Osbaston Hall and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr D. Parker
and Mrs B. A. Miesegaes

The marriage took place on May 1 between Mr David Parker and Mrs Beverley Miesegaes.

Baron Christian Guy d'Huart
and Miss E. A. Downing

A service of blessing took place on Saturday, May 4, at Christ Church, Chelsea, after the marriage of Baron Christian Guy d'Huart and Miss Elizabeth Ann Downing.

Luncheons

Law Society

The President of the Law Society, Mr Arthur Hoole, was host at a luncheon held at 60 Carey Street yesterday. Among the guests were: Baroness Masham of Ilton, Lord Rotskill, Sir Michael Havers, QC, MP, Mr David Steel, MP, Sir Clive Whitmore, Mr Justice Bingham, the Hon Archie Hamilton, MP, Mr A W B Vogt, Mr Alan Leslie, Professor Aubrey Diamond and Mr John Bowron (secretary-general).

1984 Glenfiddich Awards

A luncheon was held at William Grant and Sons, 40 Piccadilly, yesterday to present the 1984 Glenfiddich Awards made to writers and broadcasters who have contributed most to the civilized appreciation of food and drink.

The silver pot still trophy and prize for the overall winner was presented by Mr David Grant, great-grandson of the company's founder, to Mr Hugh Johnson, who also received a special award for his video, *How to handle a wine*. Other special awards went to Mr Cyril Ray, to mark his retirement from the *Punch* wine column, and to Miss Sarah Brown for her outstanding contribution to vegetarian cooking.

Category winners were: Mr Robert Joseph (wine writer), Miss Alice Wooledge Salmon (food writer), Mr David Wolfe (restaurant writer), Mr Philip Morrice (whisky writer), Miss Kathryn McWhirter (trade press writer), Yan-Kit So (food book author), Miss Rosemary George (wine book author), Radio Clyde (Broadcaster of the year).

The judging panel comprised Mr Victor Ceserani, Sir Fitzroy Maclean, Bt, Miss Jancis Robinson, Mr Harry Waugh with Mr David Grant, Marketing Director of William Grant and Sons, as chairman.

Dinners

English-Speaking Union

Sir Donald Tebbit, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at the annual dinner of the York and district branch of the ESU held yesterday evening at the Post House Hotel, York. Colonel David Tetley, branch president, presided and the other speakers were Mr John Howarth, branch chairman, and Mr Bob Clough-Parker, ESU regional organizer.

Primrose League

Lord Murton of Lindisfarne presided at the annual dinner of the Primrose League held at the Hyde Park Hotel yesterday. The Hon Colin Moynihan, MP, was the guest and speaker. Also present were: Lady Murton of Lindisfarne, Sir Graham Rowlandson, Sir Victor Goodhew, Mr John Stokes, MP, and Mrs Stokes, Mr and Mrs Evelyn King and Mr W L Grant.

Society of Industrial Artists and Designers

The annual Minerva dinner of the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers was held last night at Apothecaries' Hall. The principal guest speaker was Sir Terence Conran. The society's design medal was presented to Mr Milton Glaser. The guests were received by Mr Michael Wolff, president of the society, and Mrs Wolff.

Designers and Art Directors Association of London

The Designers and Art Directors Association held its twenty-third annual awards presentation dinner at Grosvenor House last night. The awards were presented by Mr Allen Thomas, Creative Director of J. Walter Thompson Limited and president of the association. Mr John McConnell was given the 1985 President's Award. The chair was taken by Mr Edward Booth-Clibborn, chairman of the association.

Woolmen's Company

The Woolmen's Company installed Mr Patrick Gilbert as Master, Mr Ivan Hutchinson as Upper Warden and Mr Arthur Hammond as Under Warden for the ensuing year at the installation court meeting held at Tallow Chandlers' Hall last night. At a dinner held later, the Master and Wardens entertained members of the livery and their guests.

Mr Leonard Allen proposed the toast to the guests to which Sir Robert Armstrong replied. The Hon Peter Brooke, MP, proposed the toast to the company, Sir Philip Moore and the Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company were among the guests.

Reception

Lady Mayoress of Westminster

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster gave a reception at City Hall yesterday for organizers and participants in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Reuter chief to retire

Sir Denis Hamilton is to retire as chairman of Reuters Holdings on July 1, it was announced yesterday.

Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman of Courtaulds is to succeed him for a two-year term.

Sir Denis, aged 66, a former chairman of Times Newspapers Holdings, was appointed to the board of Reuters in 1967 and became chairman in 1979. The chairmanship is a part-time, non-executive post.

Mr Glen Renfrew, managing director of Reuters, said: "Throughout his years as a director and later as chairman, Sir Denis Hamilton has been a staunch defender of Reuters' independence and its central purpose of excellence in news."

Sir Christopher Hogg said: "Sir Denis Hamilton has guided the company through what must be the most successful and eventful period in Reuters' long history."

Birthdays today

Mr Alan Bennett, 51; the Right Rev C. W. J. Bowles, 69; Sir David Cuthbertson, 85; Mr Terry Downes, 49; the Rev Dr C. W. Dugmore, 76; Mr Albert Finney, 49; Mr Carlo Maria Giulini, 71; Mr Pancho Gonzales, 57; Dr Douglas Guest, 69; Vice-Admiral Sir John Hayes, 72; Miss Glenda Jackson, 49; General Sir Peter Leng, 60; Lord Justice Lloyd, 56; Miss Geraldine McEwan, 53; Sir Philip Mansfield, 59; Mr David Plastow, 53; Dr Bernard Rose, 69; Mr Patrick Ryecart, 33; Admiral Sir Victor Smith, 72; Lord Stewart, 62; Mrs Barbara Woodhouse, 75; Dame Jocelyn Woollcombe, 87.

Latest wills

Mr Kurt Joachim Sommerfeld, of Holland Park, London, the structural engineer who invented the temporary airfield surfacing and roadway system known as Sommerfeld Track, which was extensively used during the Second World War, left estate valued at £355,452 net.

Mr Brian Cecil Guinness, of Churt, Surrey, left estate valued at £352,042 net. He left £100 to the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust "in memory of the ship's company of HMS Codrington, the destroyer that carried me off the beach of La Panne to Dover at the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Forces in 1940, and especially thinking of the young stoker who dried my clothes in the boiler room and gave of his sugar ration without stint".

Mr John Shlounde Sheldon, of St John's Wood, London, left estate valued at £1,359,511 net.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Leigh was christened Isabel Julia Teresa by the Rev Nicholas Menon in Cranleigh Preparatory School Chapel on April 27. The godparents are Mrs Danae Sardanis, Miss Gilly Corfield, Mr Charles Colthurst and Mr Adam Holloway.

Sherborne School

A dinner will be held in London on Friday, June 7 for Old Shirburnians who were at School House. The dinner secretary is Mr N. Buckley-Sharp, Fox and Hoare, 6 Wardrobe Place, EC4. Telephone: 01-248 4767.

Sale room

£1.8m for Napoleonic nostalgia

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Napoleon and Nelson vied with each other for popularity at Christie's yesterday where an extraordinary collection of historical mementoes raised £1.8 million.

Formed by Calvin Bullock (1867-1944), the collection had graced the offices at No 1 Wall Street, New York, of the distinguished private investment company he founded in 1894. Formed between the wars, it is devoted to Napoleon, Nelson and their time and was sent for sale by his son, Hugh, now in his 80s, who sold the family firm recently.

Where devotees of the heroes were determined prices soared. A vast painting of one of Napoleon's early victories, "La Bataille du Pont d'Arcole", by Horace Vernet, sold for £324,000 where Christie's had forecast £50,000-£80,000. It is more than 8ft wide and shows Napoleon with a ragged tricolour leading his men across the bridge.

Painted in 1826 out of patriotic nostalgia by the leading French history painter of the day, it is a type of picture that is now out of fashion. It was bought by Richard Nagy, an American dealer.

Another Vernet, depicting Napoleon taking leave of the Imperial Guard in April 1814 sold for £151,200 (estimate £50,000-£80,000), and a big military scene, Baron Gerard's "La Bataille d'Austerlitz" which Napoleon himself commissioned for the Tuillery, made £172,800 (estimate £70,000-£100,000). They both went to Hildegard Fritz-Denneville, a London dealer, who was also underbidder on the expensive Vernet.

The red ensign flag which covered the body of Nelson in the cockpit of HMS Victory after he died at the Battle of Trafalgar was sold for £8,640 (estimate £150-£250). The frame is made of old oak boards from the Victory and it was bought by an unnamed private collector.

Another nostalgic surprise was the Regency mahogany chair with a leather seat that stood beside Napoleon's death bed in St Helena. It was brought back to England by General Charles Dallas, the Governor of St Helena, and sold yesterday for £7,560 (estimate £1,500-£2,000).

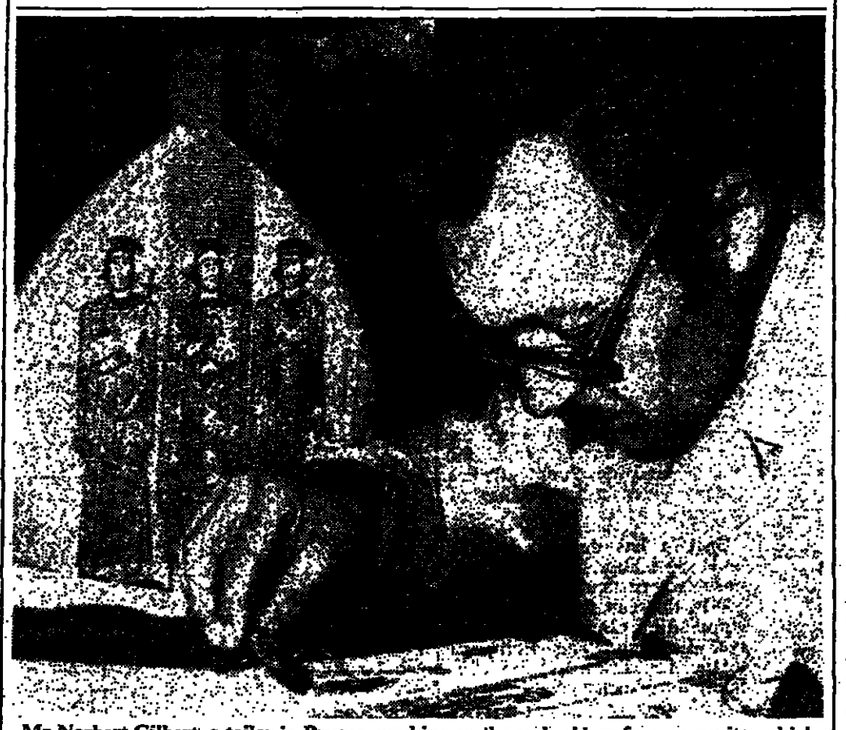
An affectionate but misspelt letter from Emma, Lady Hamilton, to Nelson, full of stories of their child Horatio, was sold for £30,240 (estimate £2,500-£3,500).

A thuya-wood writing box mounted with bright cut steel which was made for Jerome-Napoleon, King of Westphalia, by Biennais, sold for £91,800 (estimate £25,000-£35,000) to Armitage, a London dealer. He also bought a gold and gem-set girdle ornament in Gothic style, made for the empress Marie-Louise, for £75,600 (estimate £30,000-£50,000).

An elaborate silver-gilt presentation sword given by the City of London in 1814 to the Russian commander, Count Barclay de Tolly, made £19,440 (estimate £8,000-£12,000). It was bought for Alexander Dwyer, aged 10, by his father because his mother was a direct descendant of the Russian field marshal.

At Sotheby's a routine modern picture sale made £356,278, with 28 per cent unsold. A painting of a seated lady catalogued simply as "Italian futurist school" was bid to £77,000 (estimate £8,000-£12,000). It bears the signature of Boccione.

Christie's sale of clocks and watches was not a success, with 38 per cent unsold.



Mr Norbert Gilbert, a tailor in Bruges, working on the embroidery for a new mitre which the Pope is expected to wear during his tour of Belgium this month.

Science report

Archipelago reveals its youth

By a Special Correspondent

There is no disputing the distinctiveness of the wildlife on the Galapagos Islands. And provided there is no catastrophe such as that threatened by the recent fire, its unique flora and fauna should remain intact.

But while scientists agree about the incomparable quality of the plants and animals of these remote volcanic islands, they have fallen into dispute about their age.

Are the islands just a few million years old, and therefore "young" geologically speaking as Darwin believed from his exploration, or did these rugged outcrops emerge from the sea millions of years earlier as some palaeontologists suggest?

Using new methods of dating rocks and fossils, two scientists from the University of California conclude that the islands are very young. They were formed "by volcanic action less than four million years ago and their distinctive terrestrial life has evolved in the comparatively short time since then.

Indeed, Isla Isabela and other western islands in the Galapagos appeared above sea level less than two or three million years ago, according to Dr Carole Hickman and Dr Jere Lipps. They date the easternmost islands, among them San Cristóbal, at a million years older.

There is little fossil evidence on the islands, and so the history of the archipelago and the age of its unusual flora and fauna relies on other information. Dr Hickman and Dr Lipps have obtained, however, important clues from marine animals that once lived below, between and above the tide marks in a part of the world that has been a volcanic cauldron for many millions of years.

Some of the volcanoes on the islands are still very active. The fossilized remains of these marine animals and the distinctive deposits in which they are preserved on the islands all suggest that the archipelago formed in relatively recent (Pliocene) times.

These conclusions, reported in *Science*, corroborate the dates that geologists have obtained previously from radiometric and palaeomagnetic measurements on the volcanic rocks that make up the island group. They contradict previous examinations of the marine fossil deposits.

Those analyses pointed to an early (Miocene) date of between 14 and 10 million years for the first appearance of the archipelago. Much less certain is how the islands, which lie some 600 miles off the coast of South America, were colonized by the ancestors of their present plant and animal inhabitants.

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OBITUARY

MR H. T. CHAPMAN

Designer of aero engines

Mr H. T. Chapman, CBE, FRAeS, who died on May 4 at the age of 88 had a distinguished career with Armstrong Siddeley Motors, for whom he designed some of the famous piston aero engines of the period between the wars. Later, as Managing Director, he was responsible for the development of gas turbine engines.

Harold Thomas Chapman was born on August 4 1896 and educated at Rutherford College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. After serving an engineering apprenticeship at a Newcastle steel works he served with the RFC and RAF from 1917 to 1919.

After spells at C. A. Parsons, the steam turbine manufacturers, as a colliery engineer; and in the design office of W.G. Armstrong Whitworth Ltd, he transferred in 1926 to Armstrong Siddeley Motors Ltd where he was to spend most of the rest of his productive life.

As a designer he was responsible for some of the company's most celebrated power units of their day, the air cooled radial engines, the Jaguar, Lynx and Leopard, the last of which was the most powerful aero engine of its era.

From 1937 to 1945 he was Works Manager and as such oversaw the production not only of the 28,000 aero engines the company produced during the war, but also of torpedo engines, tank gearboxes and gyroscopes. He was also responsible for aero engine repairs.

Chapman became Managing Director of Armstrong Siddeley in 1950 and amongst his successes in that post was the development of the Sapphire jet engine which was sold to Curtiss-Wright for production in the USA and had long and distinguished service with the Royal Air Force as the power plant of the Gloster Javelin delta-winged all-weather intereceptor.

He became a Director and Deputy Chairman of Bristol Siddeley when the company was formed in 1959 and was in 1961 appointed Chairman of Hawker Siddeley Industries remaining a Director of the Hawker Siddeley Group until his final retirement in 1969.

He had been appointed CBE in 1951.

Chapman married in 1923 Mabel Annie Graham.

MISS DAWN ADDAMS

Dawn Addams, the film actress, died on May 7 at the age of 54 after a long battle against cancer.

The highlight of a career which declined after a promising start was to be chosen by Charles Chaplin as his leading lady for *A King in New York* in 1957. She gave an attractive performance but the film was poorly received and thereafter she was in mainly routine pictures, alternating between Britain and the Continent.

She was born in Felixstowe, Suffolk, on September 21, 1930, and spent part of her early life in India and South America before studying at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. During 1949 she had two small parts on the West End stage.

At the age of 20 she went to Hollywood, where she was put under contract by MGM. Her first substantial role was in the comedy, *The Moon Is Blue*, opposite David Niven. She was later in *The Robe* and *Khyber Patrol*.

In the mid 1950s she returned to Europe, but apart from *A King in New York* her only film for a leading director was Fritz Lang's *The 1,000 Eyes of Dr Mabuse* made in Germany in 1960. In Britain she became mainly associated with horror films, including *The Two Faces of Dr Jekyll*, *The Vampire Lovers* and *Vault of Horror*.

During the 1970s she made irregular appearances on television, where she was best known for the comedy series *Father, Dear Father*.

Her first marriage, to the Italian Prince Massimo, was dogged by acrimonious disputes over the custody of their son, Stefano. They parted after four years and divorced in 1971.

Three years later she married James White, a 65-year-old retired businessman, who survives her.

LT-GEN SIR J. D. WOODALL

Lieutenant-General Sir John Dane Woodall, KCMG, KBE, CB, MC, who died on May 7, at the age of 88 was an artillery officer who made a number of fruitful suggestions on army-air co-operation during the war. Later he became GOC Northern Ireland and after his retirement from the army was Governor of Bermuda.

An Ulsterman, Woodall was born in Enniskillen and commissioned into the Royal Artillery after passing through RMA, Woolwich. He served at Gallipoli and in Macedonia in the First World War and gained the MC.

Early in the Second he went to France where he served on the staff at GHQ, British Expeditionary Force.

But his most important wartime staff post was on the Air Staff of Army Co-operation Command. With Air Commodore Wann he had already produced what was known as the "Woodall-Wann report" on army-air co-operation and the new command was responsible for the rapid progress which followed in the development of the tactical air forces which played so important a part in the later stages of the battle for North Africa and in the Italian and NW Europe campaigns.

The maturing of airborne forces was another result of the report while Woodall himself was instrumental in developing concepts such as rapid forward airfield construction and air-to-ground communications.

Later wartime posts included Deputy Director of Staff Duties at the War Office until 1946, after which he was Director of Manpower, War Office until 1949.

GOC Northern Ireland, 1952-55, was his last army appointment but he was immediately afterwards appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief Bermuda, holding office until 1960.

He was Colonel-Commandant Royal Artillery, 1954-62.

MR GEORGE PRAVDA

George Pravda, who died on May 1 at the age of 68, was a Czech actor who for nearly 30 years played character parts on stage, screen and television.

His early medical studies in Prague were interrupted by the Nazi closure of the universities. As chairman of the medical students union he was interrogated by the Gestapo but managed to escape from the train taking him to Dachau. For the rest of the Occupation period he continued Resistance activities working as a labourer and later as a member of a provincial repertory company.

After the war he took up an acting career becoming a member first of the Realistic Theatre and then of the National Theatre in Prague.

The dubious circumstances surrounding the death of Jan Masaryk in March 1948 confirmed his fears about the dictatorial nature of Communist rule and he fled Czechoslovakia soon afterwards, living first in France and then Australia.

At the urging of Dame Sybil Thorndike he came to England in 1956 and soon established a reputation as a fine character actor of foreign parts with West End appearances in *Variations on a Theme* and *The Doctor's Dilemma* and a string of leading roles in television drama.

Over the last 20 years he had appeared in a score of plays, 30 films and more than four hundred television productions.

As a Czech émigré and patriot he broadcast regularly in the Czech service of the BBC, last year in a successful dramatization of *Nineteen Eighty Four*. Over the years he also took an active part in political and cultural events relating to Czechslovakia, most recently an evening of readings to honour the Czech Nobel laureate, the poet Jaroslav Seifert, whom he had known in Prague.

MR DAVID BLAIR

A correspondent writes:

Your obituary on David Blair, who died unexpectedly on April 10, recalled his successful business career and his achievements as a regular officer in the Seaforth Highlanders.

It was as a golfer that he will primarily be remembered. His easy temperament, his distinguished and well-known figure, still often in plus-fours, and his beautiful and natural swing bade fair to dominate the amateur game for many years.

He was Scottish boys champion in 1935 and Scottish champion in 1953. He was a regular member of the Scottish side for many years, played in the British Walker Cup team in 1955 and 1961, and twice reached the quarter-finals in the Amateur Championship.

In 1978 he was elected Captain of the Royal and Ancient, and was a frequent winner of medals at both St Andrews and Muirfield, the last being in 1983 at the age of 65. Latterly he was content to play once or twice a month at Muirfield to keep in trim, but even in his hey-day, such was his confident style, he could always be relied upon to reach the top of his form without playing endless practice rounds.

It was while he was in the south of England to play for Harrow, his old school, in the Halford Hewitt Cup, a tournament he never willingly missed, that he suffered a heart-attack and died in Canterbury Hospital.

Professor E. D. Mountain, Emeritus Professor of Geology at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, died on April 30. He was known for his studies of geological formations in South Africa and as an associate in the discovery of several minerals, one of which, Mountainite, bears his name.

General Clarence D. Wiseman, international leader of the Salvation Army from 1974 to 1977, has died aged 78 at his home in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. The Salvation Army's tenth General, he was the first Canadian to hold the office.

Mr A. H. Hughes, OBE, who died on May 2 at the age of 67, was Ambassador to El Salvador from 1975 to 1977.

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SPECIAL REPORT

From Napoleon to the 'moving map'

Pictures: Suresh Ashan





The quality of a negative is checked at the Ordnance Survey office (left), while a map of Peckham is updated

It sounds like a device straight out of one of the James Bond books, or some other imaginative work of fiction: a screen on the dashboard of your car which shows the vehicle as a moving dot of light on a map of your surroundings.

Yet during the next decade such a device will become a possibility – and if public interest is sufficient to turn the possibility into a product and to push prices down to an acceptable level, it may well become as standard a motoring accessory as the car radio.

It would also end many a navigator's nightmares. But then Britain's official mapmakers at the Ordnance Survey, who have their eyes on the technology which could produce the "moving map", have the interest of land-based navigators much at heart. After all, they have looked after them ever since the days of the Napoleonic Wars.

The Ordnance Survey was actually set up in 1791 as a military organization, an offshoot of the Board of Ordnance which looked after the British Army's artillery and engineering requirements.

Its job was to survey and map Britain and plan the defences necessary to stave off a threatened French invasion – and the military link, albeit in a much looser form, has continued until this day.

But in 1979 – 188 years after its creation – the Ordnance Survey reached a watershed in its existence. Until then it had enjoyed wholehearted government support and financing, but the Serpell Report of that year recommended that the Ordnance Survey should go out into the marketplace and do something which Serpell felt it was well able to do – earn its own living.

The Serpell Committee was perhaps unlucky in that it had been set up under a Labour administration and reported to a Conservative government.

The Ordnance Survey itself, however, is non-political, and there was no dispute on technical matters. So the job of giving the Ordnance Survey, and its maps, a new and very public face went ahead.

It was not an easy task. Because the Ordnance Survey performs vital national functions, such as keeping up to date the expensive large-scale street plans wisely used by officialdom, or providing maps for defence or overseas aid uses, it has to have an official subsidy.

But it was also taxed with making what income it could from commercial activities such as the marketing of tourist maps. For a time the Ordnance Survey seemed to struggle with its new image.

Now the new era is well and truly launched. The man at the helm – 53-year-old Peter McMaster, the former Royal Engineers major who, since April 1, has been director-general of the Ordnance Survey – has his eye set very firmly on the future.

Mr McMaster is perhaps uniquely qualified to head an organization which is in itself unique. He holds a science degree, is a qualified surveyor and has also qualified as a barrister.

He has worked at the Ordnance Survey since 1970, rising to the post of director of planning, marketing and development before being selected as director-general, and he is immensely popular with his staff.

Perhaps most important of all, he is an enthusiast about maps in general and the Ordnance Survey in particular. "Britain is one of the best



Peter McMaster: Challenges

mapped countries in the world," he says, "and my job is to keep it that way."

That is not always easy. In 18th-century Britain both townsfolk and country dwellers were suspicious of any stranger, particularly an official making notes. Many an Ordnance Survey man, mistaken for an Excise man, has had to depart the area in some disarray after coming into contact with the sharp end of a pitchfork. In some respects, things have not changed.

The Ordnance Survey has a staff of about 3,000, based on its headquarters in Southampton and various regional offices. Nearly one-third of this total are surveyors, and although these surveyors find people are usually co-operative they are occasionally refused access to private land.

In recent years one farmer has been quite adamant that his property should not be mapped, on the grounds that his barn might become a target for the Russians.

"You can't just leave a blank space on a map, so we have to do something," says Mr McMaster. "We have the right to force our way in but we don't use it. There is no need. Rather than cause fuss and trouble, with modern instruments we can always survey something like that from an adjoining property."

All that is changing at this moment. Aerial map-making has eased the surveyors' problems, and high-resolution satellite surveying will probably do away with the Ordnance Survey man's need to confront angry farmers at all within a very short time.

These techniques in turn create other problems – not least the fact that anyone will be able to set up as a rival to the Ordnance Survey without having to rely on huge teams of surveyors.

Fortunately, from the Ordnance Survey's point of view, even modern map-making techniques look likely to remain prohibitively expensive. The large-scale street maps (1:1250, or 50 inches to the mile) used by town planners, rating offices and solicitors engaged in property conveyancing, cover an area sufficiently compact to mean a probable market of perhaps only half a dozen copies.

If they were sold on a profit-making basis, they would cost between £50 and £60 per sheet, but the government subsidy – which continues because of the importance of these documents – enables the Ordnance Survey to sell them at £13 a time.

The largest part of the Ordnance Survey's resources goes on large-scale mapping, which has been described as "part of the essential infrastructure of a modern state".

But it also does work for other government departments, such as the Ministry of Defence, the Land Registry and the Civil Aviation Authority, as well as producing special maps for geologists and other scientific purposes.

All these explain the continuing official link between the Ordnance Survey and the Government. It is at the third aspect of the Ordnance Survey's work – "consumer-type" mapping – that Serpell directed its interest.

Here the Ordnance Survey has been diversifying to produce better maps for motorists and other leisure users, as well as linking up with independent publishers to produce school books, road atlases, and guide books. The result is that the Ordnance Survey has been able to cut its calls on government finance from 63 per cent in 1979 to about 50 per cent today.

This figure should improve still further as the Ordnance Survey moves into the computer age. The biggest development in map-making envisaged in the immediate future is maps in computer-compatible form.

Eventually computers will mean that one can write a programme to pick out bits of mapping data without going to the trouble of actually drawing the map.

Thus one could ask a computer how many miles of road there are within the borders of Brighton, how many miles of railway line in Hampshire, and so on.

Public utilities such as the electricity, gas and water authorities are also demanding these computer-based digital maps. Draughtsmen can make mistakes over the years – hence the digging-up of our roads in search of "lost" cables or pipes.

Once these cables and pipes have been entered on a digital map, and the computer is recording changes as they are made, the human element and the risk that goes with it are removed.

"I see the main challenges in the next 10 years being the taking aboard of the immense potential of the new techniques that are coming in for keeping maps up to date, and making them available to the public in more varied forms," says Mr McMaster. "The main thing is going to be the computer map, on the way, too. Satellites may replace ground surveys, and together with aerial surveys – if the resolution of the images improves sufficiently – this may permit the instant updating of maps. But that is a bigger step than it sounds.

"Then developments have been made in the United States which enable a person to discover exactly where they are on the face of the globe in terms of latitude and longitude.

Ships already use this system but miniaturization will make the system available to everybody. Think what that would mean for the motorist or the walker.

"I think it is all very exciting. There is tremendous potential but there are also tremendous challenges ahead. "It is my hope – indeed, it is my job to see to it – that the Ordnance Survey is well equipped to deal with these challenges."

Robin Mead

Hi-tech help for Britain's surveyors

Britain's building trade has the Ordnance Survey on the run. A complete update of an urban area map is needed after every 300 new homes are built.

This task can take a surveyor several weeks to complete, will cost around £1,000 and with the present changes taking place on the outskirts of most towns and cities, it is little wonder that the OS's workload of unsurveyed units is running at about 10 per cent above capacity.

The task of updating the OS basic scale survey of 1:1250 urban, 1:2250 rural and 1: 10,000 mountain and moorland maps, now forms the bulk of the survey department's work. For these are the maps vital to local authorities, the utilities and other specialists.

"There is no hedge, wall, gate or building in this country that has not been surveyed at one time," says the head of OS topographic survey, Mr Peter Wesley.

But as the landscape alters, significant changes are recorded within six months at the most on master drawings held at 150 local OS offices around the country.

When 50 units of change (one unit is roughly equivalent to a suburban house or garden) have accumulated on a sheet, it goes to OS headquarters in Southampton to be copied; when 300 have accumulated a new edition is printed.

As in all sections of the OS, surveying manpower has seen a 30 per cent decrease over the past seven years, to a present workforce of around 700. In line with the recommendations of the Serpell Report in 1979, therefore, a growing number of surveying contracts are going to the private sector.

But great advances in speed and accuracy are undoubtedly being made with the help of new technology.

"The basic framework for geodetic control – triangulation points forming the skeleton around which the flesh and bones of maps are made – was largely completed by the 1950s," says Mr Wesley.

However, this network of fixed points has gradually been refined and, with the help of American military satellites for instance, has been extended to include the North Sea, where the position of oil rigs and other permanent structures have been used to establish a network of precisely fixed points called NORSNET.

Within this framework of fixed points, detailed information is then collected. Aerial photography is still used to a large extent to provide photo grammetric data.

On the ground, surveyors have come a long way from the basic theodolite, first introduced in ancient Egypt. "Electronic distance measuring equipment has now become extremely 'user-friendly'," Mr Wesley explains. The OS now has 50 "total stations", which can measure angle and distance instantaneously, half of them Kern designs supplied by Survey and General Instrument Company of Edenbridge, in Kent.

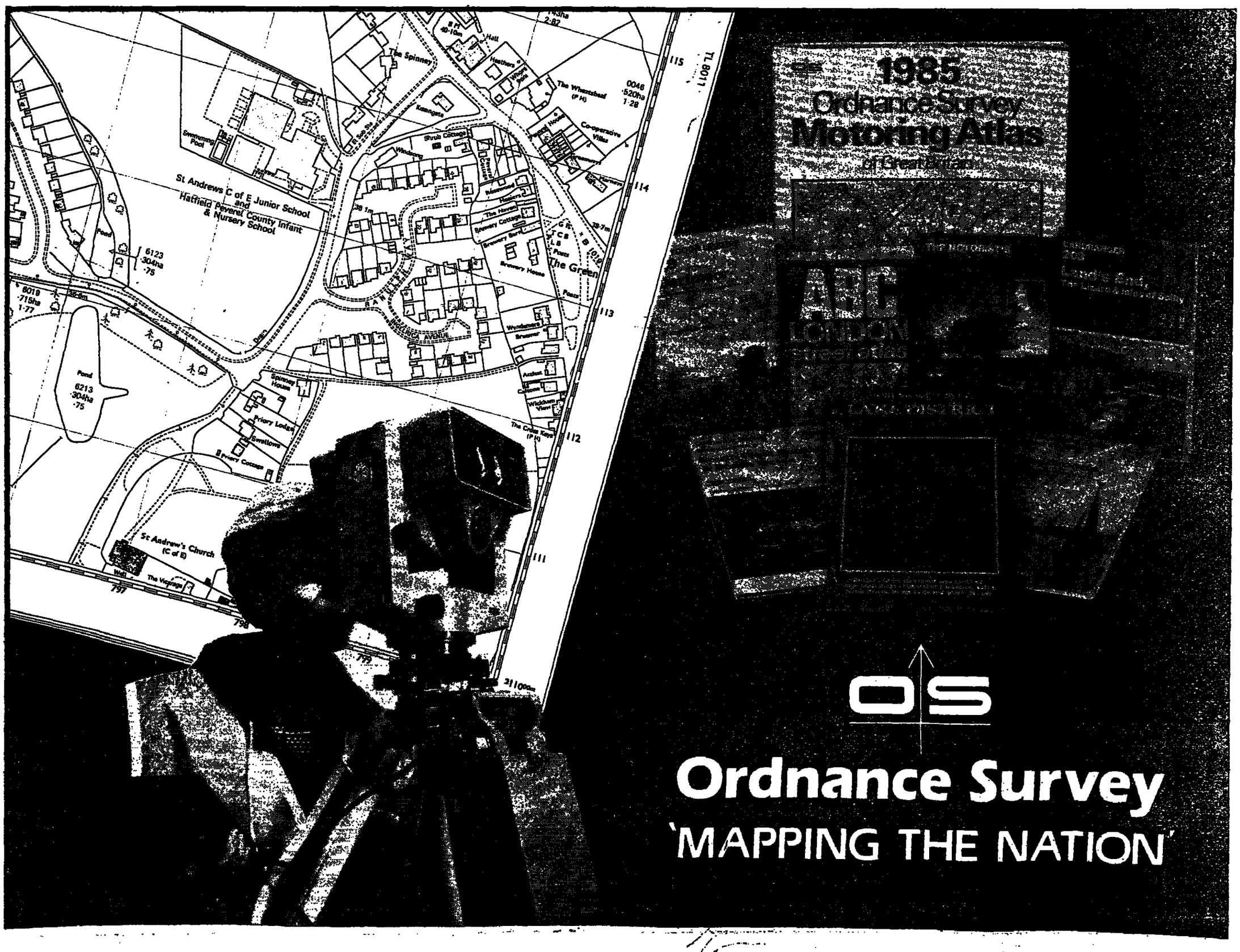
All this information collected in the field has traditionally been recorded on survey documents. At one time, these were heavily bonded stable paper or zinc plates, now they are polyester sheets.

Once complete, the information is then digitized or drawn at Southampton and plates are made ready for printing to meet the public demand. The maps are printed, using the most modern computerized production control system, on to the sort of fold endurance paper Wiggins Teape have been supplying to the OS for the past 50 years.

Eventually, all data collected will be digitized in the field and transmitted, via regional terminals, by computer to Southampton's central data bank to be processed and stored.

Twenty years from now, maps made of paper could be collectors' items.

Christine Toomey



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Digital mapping on a small scale

The groundwork for computerized maps was already being laid in the 1960s when the Ordnance Survey began investigating the feasibility of computerizing all the information needed to produce its vast map collection.

Conversion of its large-scale maps to digital data started in 1973. But with an initial capacity for digitizing just 800 maps a year, it was estimated that the cost of converting the entire series would be around £100 million.

So, it was not until the Government gave the go-ahead for the scheme, and released £1.5 million for digital mapping earlier this year, that work gathered pace.

Nearly one third of the OS workforce of 600 draughtsmen are now engaged in the production of digital data. Twenty-five thousand of the 1:1250 and 1:2500 scale maps have already been converted. Production capacity has now risen to 3,000 a year and there are plans to convert the popular 1:625,000 small-scale Routeplanner map this year.

Data is stored on separate magnetic tapes at present, but the OS aims ultimately to create a single data bank. This will allow the instantaneous recall of information at any scale, and in any amount of detail, tailored to the user's need.

The advantages will be enormous, particularly for users of large-scale maps, like the National Joint Utilities Group, which provides such underground services as water mains, sewers, and electronic and telephone cables.

More than two million holes are dug in Britain's roads every year by these services, and errant picks and drills cause an estimated £15 million damage because of a lack of co-ordination.

So, the sort of scheme being pioneered at Dudley, in the West Midlands, providing each utility with a terminal linked to a computer, which can print a map, including pipes and cables, is attracting great interest. It illustrates the sort of flexibility digital maps can offer.

But one of the major problems of the map revolution is how to standardize data transfer systems and data banks to meet different needs.

Data base design has therefore become a major part of OS work and it falls to the Research and Development division to make sure that the data being stored is meeting requirements. As head of R&D, Mr. Sam Sowton explained: "We spend a great deal of time finding out what the customer wants now and is going to want in the future."

Questionnaires are sent to government agencies and universities, and seminars are held where users of large-scale maps can make their needs clear. Priority is given to including an area in the data bank where local authorities express particular interest.

Research into digital mapping techniques is also continuing. Ten years on it is still a laborious task. Using the vector system, a draughtsman works over a photographic enlargement of a map with an electronic cursor recording positions.

The OS ICL 2966 computer then processes the data. But though it can work out straight and curved lines between two points, everything else, down to the corners of individual buildings, has to be marked by hand. So digitizing a large-scale map can take up to three days.

This process desperately needs to be automated. The OS is looking into the alternative "Raster" system, which automatically scans a map and converts it into a matrix of black and white squares. But this requires considerable computer effort to give the squares "meaning".

Research is contracted to private firms

But once digitized, the cost of producing a map is roughly halved. The process of up-dating maps can be done quickly with the aid of a computer controlled laser on map edit stations, such as newly-launched MAPS software developed by Applied Research of Cambridge.

The OS research and development division is supported directly by the Exchequer to the tune of £1.3 million this year. This is justified by the rapid advance of technology mainly in digital mapping, but also in fields related to geodesy, photogrammetry, field survey and remote sensing.

Guided by the Serpell Report in 1979, much research and development work is now contracted out to private firms and the OS collaborates with universities and other consultants to monitor developments.

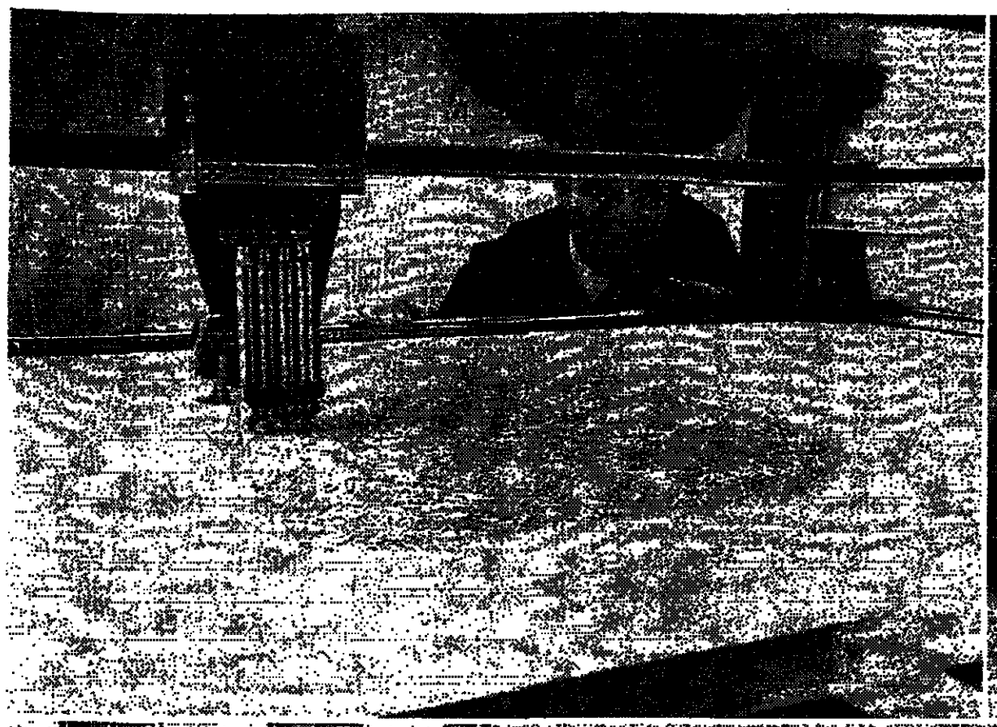
Probably the most exciting developments, however, are in the field of joint projects on new products such as electronic maps.

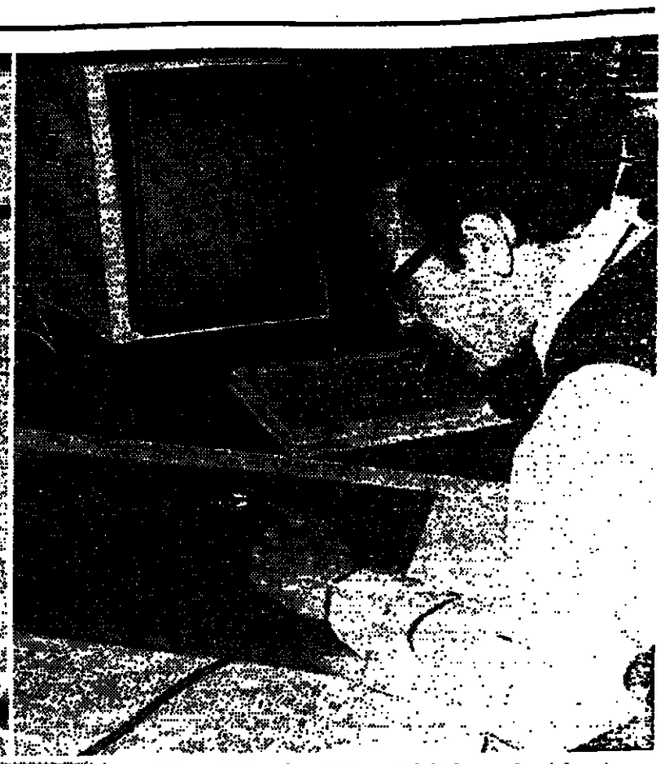
Other ventures include joint projects with British Telecom producing digital maps to help the installation of cable television, and research into the use of satellite data such as that from the forthcoming French SPOT satellite.

But the venture guaranteed to change the way a future generation will regard maps, is the OS's co-operation on the BBC's Domesday Project.

Thousands of schoolchildren are busy collecting information on the environment, which will be recorded on 20,000 OS maps, placed on video discs, and on September 29, 1986, the 90th anniversary of the Domesday Book, they will be published as a register for the future.

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Map-plotting (top left) and digital mapping (above)





Out in the field: Electronic distance measuring (left) and Doppler observing equipment for precise location

The man who keeps up with the game

"Part of the fascination of this place is that we are supposed to be commercial, but we can't quite be." The speaker is Keith Nolan, director of marketing and sales for the Ordnance Survey – and the man charged with reducing the demands that the OS makes on the exchequer.

Typical of his problem is the 1¼in to the mile, or 1:50,000 in OS jargon, series of maps which cover the entire country. "It is a 'core' map, essential to the nation's life, and we are not allowed to stop producing it," explains Mr Nolan. "But we have also got to make a profit. There are not many publishers who would let themselves get into that situation."

The Ordnance Survey's answer has been to produce the 1:50,000 map as the "Landranger" – the ideal outdoor leisure map, and the sheets covering such popular leisure areas as South-East England, the South West, the Lake District and the Peak District have promptly become best-sellers.

This helps to counter-balance the fact that the Landranger maps of, say, the Outer Hebrides are never going to set the cash tills rattling. "When you get a big conurbation with good countryside around it, such as is the case with Manchester, Birmingham or Leeds, people use a map to get to the countryside. And we encourage that by local television advertising," Mr Nolan explains.

Similar marketing initiatives have been used with the larger-scale 1:25,000, or 2½in to the mile, "Pathfinder" maps, on which the Ordnance Survey have changed the traditional map borders so that holiday areas like the Isle of Wight, the New Forest and the North

Road maps create most problems

Yorkshire Moors are covered by a single map. "These maps are essential for people like walkers," explains the Ordnance Survey, "and they are really taking off in sales terms."

This popularity has been enhanced by the addition of tourist information not usually found on Ordnance Survey maps, such as the inclusion of information kiosks or caravan sites which are marked with symbols normally used by the British Tourist Authority and the English Tourist Board – both bodies with which the OS now co-operates closely.

Such co-operation has led naturally to the production of specialized historic maps (Hadrian's Wall and Londinium are examples), and the ETB's "Maritime England" map which supported one recent tourism project.

The use of Ordnance Survey information by other map-makers and publishing concerns currently earns the OS about £700,000 a year in royalties and copyright fees. "We get a lot of complaints that our copyright fees are too high, but on the other hand the use of our material is actually increasing so we must have the charges nearly right," says Mr Nolan.

But the OS is equally enthusiastic about joint publishing ventures, in which it provides its maps in conjunction with other people's written material and shares the risk with the publisher. Recent joint ventures have included some with Nicholson (such as the Nicholson/OS *Guide to the Waterways*), Pan, the Automobile Association, and Jarrolds.

Road maps are a huge market but, perhaps surprisingly, these seem to create the most problems. Indeed, the Ordnance Survey has felt it necessary to publish its own book in this field. *The Ordnance Survey Motoring Atlas*. At £3.75, this book contains good quality road maps covering the whole country, and these are updated annually. With sales of more than one million copies in the 18 months since it appeared, the motoring atlas is a distinct success.

The OS could make such a publication even more successful by cutting corners and lowering its prices accordingly. "But we can't produce a very cheap map because that would suggest a drop in our standards," says Mr Nolan. "Anything we produce must have mapping in it of sufficient quality to protect our name."

Now the marketing department is following the director-general's lead and is looking to the commercial opportunities in such developments as digital mapping, and the ability that this will give map-makers to produce maps which can be called up on a video screen.

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A key for kilometres

Britain's move to metrication could have caused endless problems" to the Ordnance Survey, which for many years had been producing maps with a scale matching inches to miles. But, by a happy chance, the OS had also marked maps like its popular one-inch-to-the-mile series with a metric grid system, so all map references – which are based on kilometre squares – have remained unchanged.

Recontouring has been the only real difficulty for the map-makers, and this task is now almost complete.

Perversely, the nation has stuck to miles as its favoured unit of measurement despite the official changeover to kilometres. So the OS has had to make the best of things by marking its maps with the unintelligible (to the layman) figures 1:10,000, 1:50,000 and so on.

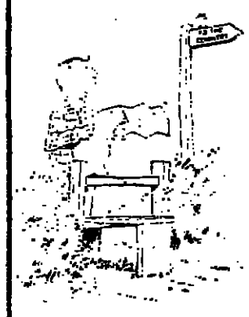
Here is a key to the scales now used by the Ordnance Survey, and what they mean in practical terms:

Official scale	Actual scale (approx.)	What it is used for
1:1,250	50in to one mile	Detailed town planning, rating, conveyancing
1:2,500	25in to one mile	Town planning, utilities
1:10,000	6in to one mile	Town planning, local maps
1:25,000	2½in to one mile	Outdoor leisure (Marketed as "Pathfinder")
1:50,000	1¼in to one mile	Motoring, touring (Marketed as "Landranger")
1:250,000	4 miles to one inch	Route planning (Marketed as "Routemaster")
1:625,000	10 miles to one inch	Route planning (2 sheets cover entire country)

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28	24	AKZO N/V Bearer	25		4.0	15.5	
238	215	Allied Colloids	238		9.0	3.8	26.5
107	81	Amersham	107		7.6	7.0	17.5
270	171	Anchor Chemical	270		6.1b	2.7	8.0
59	53	Arrow Chemical	59		2.7	4.6	12.2
514	514	Bayer DM50	514		700	12.8	
106	78	Biggins	106		10.5b	9.7	9.0
121	104	Brent Chems	121		5.0	4.1	10.8
14½		Br Benzol	14½				
79	79	Br Tar Products	79		5.0	6.4	14.1
190	160	Canning (W)	190		8.6	4.5	14.8
236	224	Cladite	236		8.4	3.6	10.8
163	154	Coates Bros	163		6.6	4.0	16.4
134	130	Do 'A'	134		6.6p	4.9	8.5
45	29	Cory (Horace)	45		2.9	6.7	14.5
135		Cronite	135		10.0	7.4	14.2
280	280	Do Dfd	280				10.8
280	280	Elks & Everard	280				21.3
84	64	Halstead (James)	84		5.4	6.2	9.6
488	488	Hickson	488		20.0	4.5	10.2
59	51	Hoechst DM50	134				
884	722	Imp Chem Ind	751		42.0	5.7	7.4
238	188	Laporte	238		12.5	5.2	10.8
188	138	Leigh	188		4.5b	4.7	16.8
233	212	Plysu	233		9.0	3.8	15.8
188	165	Ranksill	188		3.0	1.7	34.5
134	112	SHEA BPD	112				
194	168	Stewart Plastic	182		3.5	3.5	14.5
182	162	Watsonmalcolm Rink	182		11.1	8.4	15.0
70	62	Yorkshire Chem	70		2.5	3.6	11.6

CINEMAS AND TV

164	128	Anglia TV 'A'	138		11.0	8.0	9.9
146	128	Grampian	128		7.1	5.5	8.8
278	218	HTV N/V	218		10.0	4.6	8.8
218	218	LWT 'A'	218	+10	20.6	9.4	8.8
112	91	Scot TV 'A'	91		12.6	13.8	6.6
110	110	TVS N/V	111		8.6	7.7	6.5
33	33	TSW	33		2.2	6.5	6.5

DRAPERY AND STORES

440	358	ASR	440		18.4	4.2	8.8
188	163	Aquascutum 'A'	188		8.2	4.4	20.1
144	103	Bastille (James) 'A'	140		4.6	3.3	8.8
188	138	Bentalls	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Brenner	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Br Home Stores	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Brown (H)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Burton	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Caird (A) &Sons	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Cantors 'A'	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Casket (S)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Church	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Combined English	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Courts (Furn) 'A'	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Debenhams	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Dewhirst (J.)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Dixons	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Dunlop	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Ellis & Goldstein	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Elys (Wimbledon)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Empire Stores	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Essex	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Executive Clothes	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Fine Art Dev	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Ford (Martin)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Fortnum	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Freemans	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Galtor (J.J)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Gass (S.H)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Goldberg (A)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Goldsmiths Gp	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Gratton	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Greenfield Blacks	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	GUS	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Do 'A'	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Hector Mothercare	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Harris Queensway	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Hdme Of London	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Hepworth (J)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Holler	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Home Charm	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	House Of Lanoss	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Jones (Ernest)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Ladies Pride	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Lee Cooper	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Liberty	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Lincroft Kingsw	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Marks & Spencer	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Menzies (John)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	MFI	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Millets Leisure	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Moss Bros	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	NSS Newsagents	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Oliver (S)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Owen Owen	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Peters Stores	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Priestly (Alfred)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Rahimis (Jewellers)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Ratners	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Reldeux	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Reed (Austin)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Do 'A'	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	S & U Stores	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Samuel (H)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Do 'A'	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Sears	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Selincourt	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Simpson (S) 'A'	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Smith (WH) 'A'	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Do 'B'	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Stanley (AG)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Stanmore	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Sumrie Clothes	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Superdrug Stores	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Tara-Consulate	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Time Products	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Vantona Viyella	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	WH Group	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Ward White	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Wigfall (Henry)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Wolfworth	188		8.4	4.5	8.8

ELECTRICALS

637	388	AB Elect	455		9.3p	2.9	19.5
84	64	Arsenal	84		1.1	1.3	14.5
455	355	Arlen Elec	455				
238	188	Atlantic Comp	238	-5	8.2	6.8	15.8
238	238	Audio Fidelity	238				
238	188	Auto Sec	238				
238	188	BICC	238		15.1	6.8	9.6
238	188	BSR	238		24.1	21.1	7.5
115	115	Bowthorpe	115	+15	7.8	1.9	18.5
188	138	Br Telecom 50p P	188		8.4	4.5	11.4
97	78	Brown Boveri Kent	92		3.5	4.3	

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334	280	Abingworth	288		1.8		
188	188	Allders Home	188		10.5	5.6	8.4
238	238	Anglo&Agenta	238		8.6	3.6	8.4
188	138	Arlington Secs	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
148	132	Berkeley Tech	148				
218	185	Cavendish	218		14.3	6.7	8.4
238	185	Cordover	238		2.9	1.4	8.1
188	138	Commercial	188				1.7
131	131	Hambro	131		9.5	7.2	21.4
183	183	Ivory & Sime	183		7.9	4.3	24.9
188	138	Lloyds	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Park Place	188		7.5	4.7	48.7

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FOODS

37	18	Alpine Drinks	24		2.6	10.7	
238	188	Apgar	238		7.5	3.2	18.4
154	154	Ali Food	154		7.3	3.1	10.5
188	138	Assoc Dairies	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Assoc Fisheries	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
612	612	Avana	612		14.5	2.4	25.3
238	188	Banks (Sidney C)	238		12.1	5.1	8.8
191	191	Barker & Dobson	191		9.4	4.9	11.7
193	191	Barr (AG)	193		10.7	5.5	8.4
191	191	Bejam Foods	191		8.6	4.5	8.8
178	178	Bibby Ord Coal	178		7.2	10.0	28.5
57	57	Br Vending (BV)	57		2.5	4.4	10.2
147	147	Cadbury-Schweppe	162		8.4	5.2	8.8
111	111	Cams Milling	132		7.9	6.0	7.2
130	130	Carlisle Dairies	130		9.1	6.9	10.5
145	145	Do 'A'	145		8.1	7.3	8.4
118	118	Cullens	145				
238	238	Dee	238		10.4	4.4	13.7
115	115	Fisher(albert)	115		12.1	10.5	8.4
356	356	Fitch Lovell	356		13.9	6.7	12.4
238	238	Glass Glover	238		4.6p	1.9	22.3
84	84	Global Gp	84		3.2	3.8	19.0
238	188	Hazlewood Foods	238		17.5	7.3	9.3
398	398	Hillards	398		7.2	1.8	21.3
153	153	Hilsdown Hldgs	153				17.7
188	138	Home Farm	188		4.8	7.4	8.5
499	499	Hunter Saxon	499				25.5
188	138	Kalk Sons	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Lees (John J)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Lovell (EF)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Lyons (J)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Matthews (Bernard)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Maynards	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Meat Trade Supp	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Northern (W)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Nobleco Brands	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Noodlers	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Nichols (JR) (Vimto)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Normond	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Nthn Foods	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Nurdin & Peacock	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Park Foods	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Pauls	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Rowntree Mac	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Sainsbury (J)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Simpsons	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Tate & Lyle	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Tesco	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Unigate	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Utd Biscuits	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Watson & Philip	188		8.4	4.5	8.8

HOTELS AND CATERERS

318	275	Grand Met	288	+2	13.1	4.5	9.5
238	238	Kennedy Brookes	238		8.4	3.5	13.6
382	341	Ladbroke	341		14.3	5.5	14.0
361	348	Lon Park Hotels	361	+3	10.5	2.9	26.2
98	77	Mount Charlotte	98		1.7	1.8	17.1
112	98	Prince Of Wales	109		3.6	3.3	18.0
78	58	Queens Moat	78		1.9	2.5	18.0
415	353	Savoy Hotels 'A'	373		3.6	1.0	18.2
78	58	Stakis	64	+1	1.4	2.2	19.2
191	134	Trusthouse Forte	145	+2	8.6	4.7	21.4

INDUSTRIALS A–D

155	118	AAH	142	+1	9.7	6.8	10.1
238	97	AB Research	111		8.2	7.4	13.3
71	71	AIM	71		4.0	5.6	9.2
148	136	APV	148		10.1	6.8	21.7
238	188	Aeronaca	238		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Alexandra W'wear	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
238	188	Amber Ind	238		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Applegarths	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Applied Comp Tech	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Arlenson	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Armour	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Ashley	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Assoc Br Eng	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Assoc Heat	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Assoc Telecome	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Aurora	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Av Prf Ord	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Avon Rubber	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Ayrshire Metal	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	BBA	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	BET Dfd	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	BET DN	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	BETEC	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	BOC	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	BTR	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Babcock	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bailey (CH)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Baird (Wm)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Barlow Rand	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Barlow Hepburn	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Barton Transport	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Barrows (Charles)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bellhouse Clarke	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bassetound	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Beecham	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bellway	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bemrose	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bestobell	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bibby (J)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bilton (G)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bimetal Dustproof	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Birmingham Mint	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Black Arrow	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Black (Peter)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Blackwood Hodge	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Blagden Paterra	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bodycote	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bodker McConnel	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bonas	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Boulton (Wm)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bowater	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bowater Ins	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bradford Dy Eng	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Brammer	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Brantwood	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bridgend Process	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Britton	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Brotherton-Ratcliffe	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bruntnell Eng Appl	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bt Steam	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bt Syphon	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bt Vita	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bridon Hill	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bromsgrove Inds	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bronx Eng	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Brook St Bureau	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Brooke Tool	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Brown & Tawse	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Brown (John)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Brunton (Alex)	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Bullough	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Burgess	188		8.4	4.5	8.8
188	138	Burnip-Anderson	188		8.4	4.5	8.8

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

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British Gas puts heat on gilt-edged market

The credibility of monetarism as the principal practical instrument of Government economic policy has begun to wear embarrassingly thin. Competing schools of economists can be relied on to tear violently at the fading fabric but as far as the hard market men are concerned, their eyes are trained on the April Public Sector Borrowing Requirement figure, and Retail Price Index, to be released to an apprehensive City tomorrow week.

If in the wake of this week's appalling money supply figures, the PSBR is grossly swollen and the rate of inflation rises above seven per cent, as some fear it will, then storm cones will be hoisted in the gilt-edged market. If there is a rush for cover, can the equity market remain unconcerned?

The gilt-edged market is in an unusually sensitive state because prices are too high and yields too low (about 11 per cent on long dated stocks, 11½ per cent plus on shorts) in relation to 12½ - 12¾ per cent bank base rates. Moreover, there is an incipient belief that the Government and Bank of England would like to see the market lower as part of the long-range preparation for floating British Gas. Arguably it is much too soon to be managing a fall in the market, as on the most optimistic view British Gas is unlikely to be ready for sale until the middle of 1986.

Whether the thought is father to the wish or not, it may take only a few more statistics like Tuesday's monetary aggregates to deflate the prevailing mood of excessive optimism in the gilt-edged market. A combination of assiduous overseas buying and a keen expectation of lower interest rates is responsible. Yet the expressed official view is that the high interest regime is with us for the foreseable future. Still higher interest rates in the face of deteriorating money supply and borrowing figures would presumably drive the message home.

Lower markets and a feeling of "something to go for" will probably be necessary to sell up to £9 billion of British Gas stock. The operation is comparable with the sale of British Telecom and the Treasury and its band of professional marketeers will be out to create the same atmosphere of ebullience and eager anticipation that did so much for British Telecom. As with BT, the authorities will have in mind the broad market levels at which they would want to launch British Gas. This crucial aspect of marketing strategy begins with the gilt-edged market. The implications for interest rates and the monetary aggregates in the coming months are profound.

King sets sights on sale within 12 months

Lord King is as keen as ever not to be left behind in the privatization stakes. With the Treasury having already lined up British Aerospace, the second call on British Telecom and the remaining chunk of Britoil for this year's asset sale programme, the British Airways board is now pinning its sights on next spring as the target for BA's delayed flotation. Lord King has no desire to see his triumphal return to the private sector overshadowed by the less glamorous but fiendishly effective, cash-generating British Gas.

BA appears finally to have whipped all the Laker case defendants into line behind its terms: if those are accepted, the legal obstacle which has so far prevented BA's coming to the market will be removed. But even if the settlement is agreed, it will need at least two months to tie up the legal ends, while another three months will be required to mount a presale marketing campaign.

Balance sheet differences between BA and the Treasury are no nearer resolution and they have been supplemented in the last few weeks by additional arguments over the scale and timing of BA's future capital spending plans. One way and another, the flotation is still some way away, even on the most favourable assumptions.

Yesterday's results show that British Airways is having to fight much harder to maintain the dramatic profits recovery of the last three years. Competition has begun to squeeze margins. Thus while traffic volume was up over the year by 12 per cent, profits before tax and interest charges were up by only £19 million to £315 million.

Load factors were up from 64.1 per cent to 68.5 per cent, in the year (and reached a highly creditable 72.5 per cent in March), but yields per passenger kilometre were unchanged. BA is beginning to reach the maximum load factors it can squeeze out of its existing fleet capacity, and cannot delay replacing its 15-year-old 747s for much longer.

Although BA charged currency losses of £24 million last year, the effect of the dollar's strength was broadly neutral on its operating performance; higher sterling sales revenues were offset by higher fuel charges and other overseas costs.

BA continues to generate cash at a furious pace (£470 million including asset sale proceeds last year), and has been able to cut its debt to £650 million, against shareholders' funds of £319 million. Another £150 million could be taken off the debt mountain this year, despite an increase in capital expenditure from £100 million to around £200 million.

As the Treasury has already noticed, BA is getting its gearing down to manageable and marketable proportions off its own bat: so the Government is unlikely to be too generous when it comes to agreeing the balance sheet for flotation.

Green belt dilemma for homes policy

Britain's big housebuilders are presenting Mrs Thatcher with an awful dilemma. They want to build more than 5,000 new homes and provide most of the costly infrastructure in what would amount to a private enterprise new town in Essex. But they want to site it on green belt land.

The planning application for the 760-acre Tillingham Hall new town was only submitted yesterday and already the local Thurrock Council has declared itself against the scheme. In the end, the Government will have to decide whether this sort of organized intrusion into open spaces is preferable to the piece-meal sacrifice of countryside which is the current solution to housing problems in the south-east.

Nine leading housebuilders are certain that it is and they have joined together as Consortium Developments to pursue the project. That rivals such as Wimpey, Barratt, Bovis and Tarmac should co-operate on this scale is in itself remarkable, bu they believe it is the only way that they can get their vital raw material – housing land.

The company claims that demand for private housing is in danger of outstripping supply in the south-east by as much as 250,000 homes by 1991. Local planners are simply not allocating the land on which those homes could be built. Inevitably, what land is available becomes increasingly expensive and it can now account for up to 40 per cent of the price of a home.

By joining forces to buy in bulk, the Consortium builders believe that they can provide plenty of parks and pretty landscaping throw in the sewers and the school buildings and still get their housing land at roughly market price. If they can get planning permission.

Consortium Developments' executive director, Andy Bennett, is hoping that the Government will call in his proposals sooner rather than as late as the interminable planning process might allow. The companies behind him are prepared to put up to £500 million into Tillingham Hall and they want to get moving. A further two planning applications for similar schemes could be submitted within a year.

Each new town means around 10,000 new home-owners and up to 1,250 new jobs each year for 10 years. That is a great deal to be outweighed by the advantages of an over-extended green belt.

Economists attack Thatcher's 'clumsy' economic policy

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Government's conduct of economic policy is sharply criticized in a new economic review launched yesterday. The first *Oxford Review of Economic Policy* describes the Government's efforts during the past six years as "clumsy."

The medium-term financial strategy is a "poor basis for policy" and badly designed to cope with the realities of the economy.

The attack, coming the day after official figures showing an April rise in money supply of 2¾-3 per cent, catches the authorities at a sensitive time.

The Oxford criticism examines the implementation of policy and finds it wanting. Mr Christopher Allsopp, the review's editor, says in his overall assessment that policy at present is "a combination of inappropriate targets, fudged figures, and inapplicable rhetoric."

Professor David Laidler, a prominent British monetarist, says that policy has not been an unqualified failure. However, he says that none of the monetarists who applauded Mrs Thatcher's introduction of a monetary strategy "expected the deep and prolonged depression that ensued.

This, Professor Laidler says, was due to mistakes in the interpretation of monetary conditions, and over-reliance on the performance of M3 "Every other indicator, interest rates, the exchange rate, and the growth rates of the narrower aggregates, were signalling that it (monetary policy) was already too tight, but the authorities were slow to read their message and continued to tighten policy until the damage was done."

Broadly, the Oxford economists attack policy on three grounds. The first is the medium-term financial strategy

Mr Allsopp, formerly head of economic prospects at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and now at New College, says: "The MTFS has led to serious errors in the past. Its rigid framework is destabilizing and the Government has found itself boxed in by expectations engendered by the policy itself."

The second criticism is on the choice of sterling M3 as a target monetary aggregate. The authors say sterling M3 is hard to control.

Finally, fiscal policy has been "uniquely tight" in Britain, the authors say. More importantly, says Professor Laidler, fiscal policy has been subordinated to its role in the achievement of monetary targets.

A forecast, prepared by Mr John Walker and Mr Glenn Davies, accompanies the policy critique. It suggests that the economy will slow to 1.8 per cent growth next year, after 2.9 per cent this year.

Problems in controlling money supply will continue. Short-term interest rates are forecast to remain in double figures until the end of 1986.

The review, which will be published quarterly, is published by the Oxford University Press (£45 annually for institutions, £22.50 individuals).

Rebels hold back plan to fight SE election

By Jeremy Warner

Opponents of constitutional changes being planned by the Stock Exchange are considering whether to capitalize on any success they might have in defeating the proposals by fielding a full contingent of candidates for the forthcoming Stock Exchange Council elections on June 20.

A seven-man steering committee of brokers opposed to key aspects of the proposals met yesterday to discuss tactics ahead of a meeting of the market's 4,500 members on June 4 to vote on the proposals.

The committee considered a draft letter which contains an appeal to stockbroking firms for volunteers to contest the 12 council places that are up for reelection this year.

However, it decided against sending out the letter before receiving details of the concessions that Sir Nicholas Goodison, the stock exchange chairman, is expected to propose in a circular to members shortly. These concessions include scapping the £2,000 ceiling put on the value of shares in the Stock Exchange and allowing them to find their own market value.

Many members of the exchange thought the £2,000 limit an inadequate value for their shares but it is still uncertain whether the concession will be sufficient to defuse opposition to the proposals. One opponent described it as "too little too late."

A disproportionately large number of the Stock Exchange Council's hierarchy, including the current deputy chairman, Mr Patrick Mitford-Slade, and the deputy chairman-elect, Mr Richard Lawson, are up for reelection this year and their displacement would be regarded with grave concern by those attempting to push through the changes.

BA profits soar to record £202m

By Jonathan Davis
Business Correspondent

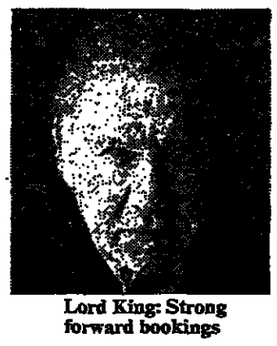
British Airways, which announced another year of record profits yesterday, still hopes to be sold to the private sector by the end of this financial year, according to the chairman, Lord King.

It is confident that the $1 billion (£812 million) Laker suit in the United States, which prevented the airline being floated on the stock market earlier this year, will be resolved soon.

Announcing the 1984-85 results, Lord King said that the 11 airlines which are defending the anti-trust suit brought by the Laker liquidator had "more or less" agreed on terms for an out-of-court settlement. BA's lawyers were applying yesterday to the judge in the case for a further time extension to try to ratify the settlement.

Even if the settlement is agreed, it will probably take at least another two months for the legal proceedings to be wound up, Mr Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive, said. The airline still believes that it could be ready for a stock market flotation in the early spring of next year.

In 1984-85, BA made a pretax profit of £202 million, up from the previous year's comparable profit of £185 million. Under its profit-sharing scheme, the airline's 36,000 employees will receive an average bonus of slightly over three weeks' pay, totalling £23 million in all.



Lord King: Strong forward bookings

Lord King said that the improved profits had been made despite intense competition from other international airlines. BA carried 12 per cent more passenger traffic than in 1983-84.

"Prospects for the current year are encouraging with strong forward bookings", Lord King said.

BA is at odds with the Government, however, over its ambitious plans to replace aircraft. The airline wants to spend up to £2 billion by the early 1990s on replacements for its 16 Boeing 747s, most of which are 15 years old.

Government officials are apparently keen that BA's capital spending be held back until after flotation.

Three-year price low for N Sea

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Spot prices for North Sea oil dropped below $26 a barrel yesterday to their lowest level for three years, amid fears of a collapse in world oil prices.

Those fears have prompted the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to suggest official discussions between Opec and Britain and Norway to help to control oil output.

Falling prices could force Opec to bring forward its next scheduled full ministerial meeting from July. It has been warned by the International Energy Agency that it must keep strictly to its production quotas if a dramatic slump in prices is to be averted.

The Algerian Energy Minister, Mr Belbacem Nabi, said yesterday that while Opec production was being cut North Sea output continued to rise. Preliminary contact had already been established with Britain, but Opec now wanted to make them more official.

On the spot markets, North Sea crude prices dropped to as low as $25.85 for June and July deliveries, compared with an overnight low of $26.20. The fall is the result of statistics from the United States showing that stocks there have built up over the past months because of low consumer demand.

The Soviet Union has cut its oil price for contract customers by $1 to $27.

Barkers scheme launches new Fraser strategy

By Judith Huntley

House of Fraser's £45 million redevelopment of its department store in Kensington High Street, London, is part of the company's strategy to build up a real estate portfolio. As Mr Ernest Sharp, a director of House of Fraser, says: "Property is a major leg of the business."

The decision to redevelop Barkers, with 600,000 sq ft of space is part of House of Fraser's continuing review of its stores. The scheme will have 178,000 sq ft of offices with a 150,000 sq ft department store and an overall value of £70 million.

The company has designed the project so that separate parts can be sold on the investment market. It might consider a sale and leaseback on the store itself but that possibility is not top of its options' list at the moment.

House of Fraser is lightly geared for a company with so much property so that continuing redevelopment and refurbishment presents no financial problems for it.

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Lloyd's may win Chinese insurance

By Richard Thomson

Lloyd's of London, the international insurance market, could increase its marine underwriting business as a result of a two-week visit by a delegation to China.

The delegation, composed of underwriters and brokers and led by Lloyd's chairman, Mr Peter Miller, went at the invitation of the People's Insurance Company of China.

The delegation agreed with PICC over the treatment of war-risk insurance for ships and cargo. If Lloyd's underwriters accept the agreement Lloyd's could take on about a third of China's shipping reinsurance. At present, none of this comes to Lloyd's.

Lloyd's hope for longer-term benefits from closer contact with China. The delegation talked to western contries involved in industrial joint venture projects in the People's Republic about sharing the insurance risks with PICC. Increasing amounts of reinsurance business from PICC are also anticipated as the Chinese insurance industry expands over 20 years.

Loans for Ashanti gold

Ghana's return to the international economic fold was confirmed yesterday when loan agreements totalling £26.2 million and $45 million (£37.5 million) for Ashanti Goldfields were signed in Accra writes Michael Prest.

The loans are part of a $161 million (£134.1 million) five-year rehabilitation programme for the biggest underground gold mine outside South Africa and the Soviet Union. It is intended to raise Ashanti's output from 250,000 ounces to 400,000 ounces of gold a year.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	988.5 (+2.7)
FT- A All Share	628.86 (+0.50)
FT Govt Securities	80.08 (–0.48)
FT-SE 100	1307.9 (+2.4)
Bargains	24,319
Datastream USM	112.73 (–0.26)
New York	
Dow Jones	1250.21 (–2.54)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,521.20 (+14.90)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1621.45 (+28.19)
Amsterdam:	211.9 (–0.1)
Sydney: AO	889.5 (+10.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1240.4 (–1.4)
Brussels:	
General	196.17 (–4.43)
Paris: CAC	217.3 (unchanged)
Zurich:	
SKA General	349.00 (+0.30)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $313.35pm-$312.85
close $313.25-$313.75 (£259-259.50)
New York:
Comex $313.25

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Grand Central Inv	14 +3
John Carr (Doncaster)	88 +15
Barr & Wallace Arn	115 +12
Metal Sciences	11 +1
Barr & Wallace Arn "A"	102 +8
Monument Oil & Gas	23 +2
Berkeley Exp	140 +12
Sutcliffe Spkmn	35 +3
Hillards	398 +25
Valin Pollen	590 +50
Anvil Petroleum	63 +7
Reliant Motor	50 +3
Burmah Oil	253 +12
Coin Industries	43 +2
Pentland Ind	755 +35
A. Kershaw	325 +15

FALLS:

Sunleigh Elect	6 –1
Burnett & Hallamsh	48 –5
Acorn Computers	18 –2
Markheath	73 –8
Bolton Textile	20 –2
Forward Tech	33 –3

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.2047 (–0.0133)
£: DM 3.8560 (–0.0030)
£: SwFr 3.2390 (–0.0065)
£: FFr 11.7440 (–0.0160)
£: Yen 305.30 (–2.65)
£ Index: 77.5 (+0.3)
New York:
£: $1.2065
$: DM 3.1915
$ Index: 149.0 (+0.2)
ECU £0.580426
SDR £0.813573

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 12%–12½
3-month interbank 12⅝–12⅛
3-month eligible bills 12⅛–12
buying rate.
US:
Prime Rate 10.50
Federal Funds 7⅛
3-month Treasury Bills 7.82-7.78
Long bond 98-99⅛

IN BRIEF

Hanson in store deal

Mr Malcolm Horsman's Pennine Resourcess is buying a chain of 19 stores in the United States from Hanson Trust in a £1.5 million deal that will give Hanson a 15 per cent stake in the company.

Hanson normaly takes cash for businesses it is disposing of but this time is keeping the shareholding it receives in exchange.

Mr Horsman bought a 31 per cent stake in Pennic, a Luxemburg listed company, two years ago.

Hanson's Talbott Group of retail stores, mainly in Pennsylvania, is Pennine's second acquisition in six months. Last October it paid £3.6 million for Dutchmaid which manufactures and sells ladies and children's clothing in America.

Mr Ronald Lyon

Yesterday's report of the sale of the Green Giant site mistakenly referred to Mr Lyon's bankruptcy when, in fact, Mr Lyon has never been personally bankrupt. We apologize for any embarrassment caused by this error.

Philips rise

Philips, the Dutch electronics group, has increased pre-tax income for the first quarter this year to Fl 525 million (£119 million) (Fl 503 million) but net income fell to Fl 260 million (Fl 282 million). Net sales rose to Fl 13.678 million (Fl 12.029).

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Costain booms

Costain increased profits in 1984 from £46.4 million to £54.3 million, and the group plans to pay a final dividend of 9p, making 15p (13.5p) for the year.

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Ferries lower

European Ferries, the Townsend Thorensen shipping group, yesterday announced pretax profits of £44.7 million for 1984 against £45.4 million the previous year. The final dividend is 3.2p, making a total of 4.3p net against 3.8p.

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Midland boost

The perpetual floating rate note launched this week by Midland Bank to boost its capital ratios has been increased from $500 million to $750 million because of strong demand. The issue, arranged by Samuel Montagu, is similar to last week's $750 million floater from Lloyds Bank although the front-end fees are lower for Lloyds.

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WALL STREET

	May 7	May 6
AMF Inc	19⅜	18⅞
AMR	41	41
Allied Corp	44⅞	44½
Allied Stores	54⅛	54⅜
Allis Chalmers	7	7
Alcoa	30¼	29⅞
Amax Inc	15⅞	16⅛
Amerada Hess	32½	33⅝
Am Brands	64½	65⅜
Am Broadcast	109⅞	109⅛
Am Can	52⅝	53⅜
Am Cyanamid	50¼	49⅞
Am Elec Power	21¼	21⅛
Am Express	43⅞	43⅝
Am Home	59½	59⅜
Am Motors	3⅛	3
Am Nat Res	64½	64⅝
Am Standard	27⅜	27½
Am Telephone	21½	21⅝
Armco Steel	8⅝	7⅞
Asarco	23¾	24
Ashland Oil	31	30⅞
Atlantic Richfield	83½	83
Avon Products	19⅞	19½
Bankers Tst NY	66⅞	64⅝
Banksmerica	20½	20⅛
Bank of Boston	47⅞	47⅜
Bank of NY	40⅜	40⅛
Beatrice Foods	30½	30⅜
Bethlehem Steel	16⅝	16⅜
Boeing	57⅜	57⅝
Boise Cascade	39	38⅞
Borden	65½	65
Borg Warner	19⅞	20⅛
Bristol Myers	58½	57⅞
BP	27½	27⅛
Burlington Ind	25⅝	25⅞
Burlington Nthn	54⅜	54½
Burroughs	60	58⅞
Campbell Soup	65	65½
Canadian Pacific	41¼	40⅝
Caterpillar	31½	30⅞
Celanese	94	91⅝
Central Soya	24½	24½
Champion	22⅝	22½
Chase Manhat	54⅜	54
Chem Bank NY	39½	38⅝
Chevron	36⅛	36⅝
Chrysler	34⅝	34½
Citicorp	45⅝	45½
Clark Equip	28½	28⅝
Coca Cola	68⅛	66⅝
Colgate	24¾	24⅜
CBS	109	108¼
Columbia Gas	29½	29¼
Combustion Eng	32	30⅞
Comwlth Edison	29¼	29
Cons Edison	32½	32¼
Cons Power	6⅞	6⅞
Control Data	31	31½
Corning Glass	37¾	37⅝
CPC Intl	41⅛	40⅝
Crane	34⅝	34½
Crocker Int	26½	26⅝
Crown Zeller	41⅞	41½
Dart & Kraft	95⅝	94⅜
Deere	26¼	26⅝
Delta Air	42¾	42½
Detroit Edison	16⅝	16⅜
Digital Equip	98⅛	98½
Disney	76⅛	76¼
Dow Chemical	30⅜	30⅛
Dresser Ind	20	20
Duke Power	32⅛	32⅜
Du Pont	56½	55¼
Eastern Air	8¼	8½
Eastman Kodak	62⅛	63⅜
Eaton Corp	51¼	52⅛
Emerson Elect	68⅝	69¼
Evans Prod	2⅛	2⅛
Exxon Corp	51⅛	52⅛
Fed Dept Stores	58⅜	58
Firestone	20½	20⅝
Fst Chicago	23¼	23⅛
Fst Interst Bncp	48¼	48⅛
Fst Penn Corp	6⅝	6⅞
Ford	14	41½
GAF Corp	30⅝	31¼
GTE Corp	39⅝	39¾
Gen Corp	45¼	45½
Gen Dynamics	68½	67⅝
Gen Electric	59½	58⅝
Gen Foods	62¼	62⅜
Gen Mills	54⅜	54½
Gen Motors	69	68⅝
Gen Pub Util NY	12½	12⅛
Genesco	4¼	4⅛
Georgia Pacific	21⅞	20¾
Gillette	60¼	59⅞
Goodrich	31½	31
Goodyear	27⅛	26½
Gould Inc	20¾	20½
Grace	39⅝	39½
Gt Attic & Pacific	16⅛	16½
Greyhound	28⅛	28⅝
Grumman Corp	25½	25⅝
Gulf & West	38½	38⅛
Heinz H J	46⅞	46⅝
Hercules	39¾	39⅝
Honeywell	57⅛	56⅞
IC Inds	32½	32
Ingersoll	45¾	45⅛
Inland Steel	20¾	21
IBM	125⅝	124⅞
Int Harvester	8⅛	8⅛
INCO	13⅜	13⅝
Int Paper	50	49⅞
Int Tel Tel	33⅝	33⅜
Irving Bank	39	38⅛
Jim Walter	32½	31⅞
Johnson & Johp	44⅛	44⅜
Kaiser Alumn	13⅝	13⅛
Kerr McGee	32⅝	32½
Kimberly Clark	52½	52⅞
K Mart	35	34½
Kroger	40⅞	41⅛
L.T.V. Corp	9½	9⅛
Litton	67½	67
Lockheed	46⅝	45⅞
Lucky Stores	19⅝	19⅝
Manuf Hanover	38⅜	37⅞
Manville Cp	6½	6
Mapco	34⅝	34½
Marine Midland	32⅝	32⅞
Martin Marietta	50¼	49⅝
McDonnell	70¼	68½
Mead	39	38½
Merck	99⅝	100
Minnesota Mng	75½	76⅛
Mobil Oil	31½	32½
Monsanto	46¾	46
Morgan J P.	48¼	48⅛
Motorola	31¼	30⅞
NCR Corp	26⅛	26⅝
NL Industries	11⅞	11⅞
Nabisco	69⅞	69⅜
Nat Distillers	29⅜	29⅝
Nat Med Ent	26¾	26½
Norfolk South	65	64¾
NW Bancorp	25¼	25¼
Occidental Pet	29⅜	30¼
Ogden	30¼	29⅞
Olin Corp	30⅝	30⅝
Owens-Illinois	45	44½
Pacific Gas Elec	18⅛	18⅛
Pan Am	5	5
Penney J C.	47½	46⅝
Pennzoil	54	52⅝
Pepsico	53⅛	52⅝
Pfizer	45¼	44½
Phelps Dodge	19⅝	19½
Philip Morris	83	82½
Phillips Petrol	39½	39½
Polaroid	27⅞	27⅞
PPG Ind	35	34½
Procter Gamble	52½	52⅜
Pub Ser El & Gas	29⅛	28⅞
Raytheon	45	44⅝
RCA Corp	41½	40⅝
Reynolds Ind	74⅞	72⅝
Reynolds Metal	33	32½
Rockwell Int	34⅝	34⅝
Royal Dutch	58½	57⅝
Safeways	31½	31½
Sara Lee	37½	37⅜
SFE Sopac	27½	27⅛
SCM	46½	46½
Schlumberger	38⅞	38½
Scott Paper	36⅝	38
Seagram	39⅝	39¼
Sears Roebuck	34¼	33⅞
Shell Oil	59⅛	59½
Shell Trans	36½	35⅝
Signal Co	54¼	54
Singer	35	35
Smithkline Beck	64½	64½
Sony	16⅞	16½
Sth Cal Edison	24⅝	25⅛
Sperry Corp	51½	51¼
Std Oil Indiana	51⅝	51¾
Std Oil Ohio	49½	49⅞
Sterling Drug	30½	31⅜
Stevens J. P.	16⅞	17
Sun Comp	52⅝	51⅞
Teledyne	243½	243⅝
Tenneco	44¼	44¼
Texaco	38⅝	38⅝
Texas East Corp	36⅛	36⅝
Texas Inst	92¼	92
Texas Utilities	28⅛	27⅞
Textron	48½	48⅞
TWA	32⅜	32⅝
Travelers Corp	44¾	44⅝
TRW Inc	69⅝	69½
UAL Inc	43½	43⅞
Union Carbide	37⅞	37½
Unocal	46¼	46⅜
Un Pacific Corp	50½	51
Unroyal	19⅝	19½
United Brands	13⅛	13½
US Steel	28	27⅞
Utd Technol	37⅞	37
Wachovia	35¼	35½
Warner Lambert	37½	37⅝
Wells Fargo	54½	54
Westingnse Elec	30⅞	30½
Weyerhauser	27⅞	27½
Whirlpool	41½	40½
Woolworth	42⅞	42
Xerox Corp	46⅛	46
Zenith	20	20⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	17⅞	17⅞
Alcan Alumin	32⅜	32⅝
Algoma Steel	21½	21½
Bell Telephone	40⅞	39⅞
Can Pacific	56⅛	56½
Cominco	13½	13⅜
Cons Bathurst	18¼	18½
Gulf Oil	19½	19⅝
Hawker/Sid Can	19½	19⅜
Hudson Bay Min	7⅜	7⅛
Imasco	26½	25½
Imperial Oil	52⅝	52⅝
Int Pipe	37⅜	37½
Mass.-Fergsn	2.88	2.9
Royal Trustco	20¾	20⅝
Seagram	54½	54½
Steel Co	19½	20
Thomson N 'A'	56¼	55¼
Walker Hiram	29⅜	29⅞
WCT	15⅛	15⅞

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Early dip for Dow

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Share prices remained mostly lower but recovered a little from the lows established in an active first hour of trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.54 points at 1,250.22 after being down six points early in the session.

Declines led advances by 591 to 501 among the 1,617 issues on the New York Stock Exchange tape.

First hour "big" board volume was about 27.08 million compared with 23.58 million on Tuesday.

The New York Stock Exchange index was down 0.13 at 104.46 and the price of an average share was down four cents.

Traders said the initial decline in stock prices was due in part to a sell programme by Goldman Sachs.

Declining issues continued to hold a modest 5 to 4 lead over advances.

"I would have thought the market would open down anyway with the weak tone in the bond market" said a block trader at one large Wall Street firm.

"Looking over the first 25 to 30 minutes the stock market handled the sell programme pretty well and since there was no real downside damage the market did not come even close to 1,240. It looks like it will recover its losses."

A trader at another large brokerage said: "We are starting to see some buying. It looks very positive for the market."

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £'s per tonne/ Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR

Aug	95.8–95.6
Oct	99.8–99.6
Dec	105.8–104.8
Mar	116.8–116.6
May	121.8–121.2
Aug	127.0–126.0
Oct	134.0–131.0
Vol	1629

COCOA

May	1808–04
July	1940–39
Sep	1530–28
Dec	1783–81
Mar	1783–82
May	1797–95
July	1820–90
Vol	114/2486

COFFEE

May	2148–45
July	2207–2205
Sep	2243–2242
Nov	2286–2285
Jan	2285–2283
Mar	2285–2272
May	2300–2286
Vol	357/2530

GAS OIL

May	expired
June	214.0–213.75
July	213.0–212.75
Aug	216.0–214.50
Sep	217.0–216.75
Oct	219.75–18.00
Nov	224.00–18.00
Dec	232.00–22.00
Jan	232.00–20.00
Vol	Nil/1599

RUBBER

Jun	715–90
Jul	725–00
Aug	735–10
Sep	745–20
Oct	755–30
Nov	765–40
Dec	775–50
Jan	unquoted
Feb	unquoted
July/Sept	735–10
Oct/Dec	755–40
Jan/March	unquoted
Vol	Nil

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices; Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	1336.00-1338.00
Three months	1247.50-1248.00
T/O	7,850
	Tone Steady.

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1250.00-1255.00
Three months	1237.00-1238.00
T/O	475
	Tone Steady.

TIN STANDARD

Cash	9610-9615
Three months	9580-9582
T/O	505
	Tone Sleadier.

TIN HIGH–GRADE

Cash	9610-9615
Three months	9580-9582
T/O	110
	Tone Quite.

LEAD

Cash	311.0-32.00
Three months	303.00-309.50
T/O	800
	Tone Quite.

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	708.50-709.50
Three months	708.50-709.00
T/O	2,850
	Tone Steady.

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	734.00-737.00
Three months	725.00-729.00
T/O	Nil
	Tone Idle.

SILVER LARGE

Cash	519.0-520.0
Three months	535.0-536.0
T/O	11
	Tone Steady.

SILVER SMALL

Cash	519.0-520.0
Three months	535.0-536.0
T/O	Nil
	Tone Idle.

ALUMINIUM

Cash	938.00-939.00
Three months	950.00-951.00
T/O	4,575
	Tone Steady.

NICKEL

Cash	4510-4560
Three months	4585-4595
T/O	384
	Tone Barely steady.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET

London Gold Futures were untraded yesterday.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 6:

GB: Cattle, 96.56p per kg lw (+1.54).
GB: Sheep, 229.03p per kg est d c w (–14.16).
GB: Pigs, 81.70p per kg lw (–0.30).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 5.1 per cent, ave. price, 96.15p (+1.78).
Sheep nos. up 7.4 per cent, ave. price, 229.74p (–12.96).
Pig nos. up 0.8 per cent, ave. price, 81.70p (–0.30).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 5.3 per cent, ave. price, 86.01p (+0.47).
Sheep nos. down 2.0 per cent, ave. price, 221.66p (–26.19).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	£119.05	£114.80
Jul	£122.50	–
Sep	£99.40	£96.75
Nov	£102.55	£102.50
Jan	£106.25	£105.60
Mar	£108.35	£109.10

Total lots traded
Wheat 185
Barley 9

APPOINTMENTS

Forshaws Burtonwood Brewery: Mr P. J. N. Elsworth has become managing director.

Telefusion: Mr Richard Ford has been made an executive director.

Master Systems (Data Products): Mr Derek R. Moon has been appointed chairman.

P-E International: Mr Vic Tuffield has become director of finance and administration.

Cannon Assurance: Mr Gary R. McPhail has been made managing director.

Hawker Siddley Electric Co: Mr R. D. Jones has been made commercial director of Brush Fusegear, Mr T. J. K. Parker managing director of Crompton Parkinson Cables and Mr M. A. Stacey sales director of the same company.

Group Lotus Car Companies and Lotus Cars: Mr John Sandiford has been named as financial director.

White Horse Distillers: Mr Clifford Archer joins the board as senior production director.

Sedgwick Group: Mr R. K. Romer-Lee and Mr R. J. W. Titley have joined the board of Sedgwick. Mr R. K. Romer-Lee has been made chairman and Mr G. K. Case managing director of Sedgwick Associated Risks. Mr R. J. W. Titley becomes chairman and Mr D. Ford and Mr E. G. S. Wright managing directors of Sedgwick International. Mr W. R. White-Cooper has been made chairman of Sedgwick UK.

Canny Bowen & Assoc.: Mr J. Michael Brown has joined to board.

AMAX: Mrs Erika H Tordjman has been made a vice-president.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates had another quiet day yesterday, showing little change from their closing levels on Tuesday.

The only movements came early on in the short end as rates found their equilibrium again after Tuesday's poor money supply figures.

These are seen merely as a temporary hold-up, on more mature consideration, with no indications that base rates will be pushed higher again.

Long dates, which had showed little snap reaction to Tuesday's figures, remained stable.

Sterling certificates of deposit were particularly quiet.

The interbank overnight rate having at 12⅛–¼ per cent slipped throughout the day and firmed again to 12⅛–¼ per cent

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12½–12⅝
Finance House 13½

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 13 Low 12⅛
Week fixed: 12½–12⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 months 12⅛; 3 months 12
Selling: 2 months 12; 3 months 11¹⁵⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 12⅛–12¼; 2 months 12⅛–12⅛; 3 months 12⅛–12; 6 months 11¹⁵⁄₁₆–11¹³⁄₁₆

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 12⅝; 2 months 12¹³⁄₁₆; 3 months 12⅝; 6 months 12¹¹⁄₁₆

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12⅝–12½ close 12⅝–12½
1 week 12⅝–12⅝; 6 months 12¹¹⁄₁₆–12⅝
1 month 12½–12⅝; 9 months 12⅛–12⅛
3 months 12¹¹⁄₁₆–12¹¹⁄₁₆ 12 months 12⅛–12⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 12½; 7 days 12½
1 month 12⅝; 3 months 12⅝
6 months 12⅝; 12 months 11⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 13⅛–13; 2 months 13⅛–13
3 months 13⅛–12½; 6 months 12⅝–12½
9 months 13⅛–12⅝; 12 months 12⅛–12

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 12⅛–12⅜; 3 months 12¹¹⁄₁₆–12½
6 months 12½–12⅝; 12 months 12¹¹⁄₁₆–11¹⁵⁄₁₆

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

	call	
Dollar		8⅛–7⅛
7 days	7⅛–8⅛	1 month 8⅛–8
3 months	8⅛–8¼	6 months 8¼–8⅛
Deutschemark	call	3⅝–3½
7 days	5¼–5⅛	1 month 5⅛–5⅛
3 months	5⅛–5⅛	6 months 5
French Franc	call	10⅝–9⅝
7 days	10⅛–10	1 month 10⅛–10
3 months	10⅛–10⅛	6 months 10⅛–10⅛
Swiss Franc	call	2⅛–1⅛
7 days	1⅝–1⅞	1 month 4⅛–4
3 months	5⅛–5	6 months 5⅛–5
Yen	call	6⅛–5½
7 days	6⅛–6	1 month 6⅛–6⅛
3 months	6⅛–6⅛	6 months 6⅛–6⅛

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin): $322.50-324.00 (£266.50-268)
Sovereigns* (new): $74-75.50 (£61-62.25)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 3 April, 1985, to 7 May, 1985, inclusive: 12.797 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Quiet conditions prevailed throughout most of yesterday's session.

The dollar, after Tuesday's sharp losses, gained ground against sterling and other leading currencies.

The pound continued to be bolstered by the prospect of higher British interest rates for some time after Tuesday's bigger-than-expected growth in the money supply indication.

However, uncertainty over lower crude oil prices inhibited the pound's progress.

A late surge by the dollar left sterling showing a fall of 1.33 cents at £1.2047.

Meanwhile, its trade-weighted index advanced to 77.5 from 77.2 overnight.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range May 8	Market rates close May 8	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.2040-1.2130	$1.2040-1.2055	0.58-0.48c prem	1.31-1.28c prem
Montreal	$1.6669-1.6791	$1.6669-1.6714	0.48-0.48c prem	1.22-1.15c prem
Amsterdam	4.3434-4.3887fl	4.3434-4.3578fl	2¼–3¼c prem	11¾–10¾c prem
Brussels	77 39-77 86f	77 42-77 63f	29-24c prem	74-65c prem
Copenhagen	13.8245-13.8906k	13.8246-13.8500k	4¼–4½ore prem	11¾–10¾ore prem
Dublin	1.2285-1.2361p	1.2320-1.2330p	19-3p prem	50-8p prem
Frankfurt	3.8530-3.8695m	3.8524-3.8608m	2¾–2⅝pf prem	8¾–8¼pf prem
Lisbon	214.70-218.59e	214.70-218.59e	120-485e disc	310-1140e disc
Madrid	216 11-217.22p	216.15-218.00p	5 prem-10p disc	35-70p disc
Milan	2443.34-2452.91lir	2443.74-2452.91lir	3¾ prem-par	3 prem-3¾ disc
Oslo	11.0092-11.0777k	11.0092-11.0350k	⅝–1¼ore disc	⅝–1¼ore disc
Paris	11.7245-11.8061f	11.7245-11.7634f	3¼–3⅝c prem	7¼–6¾c prem
Stockholm	11.0544-11.1171k	11.0544-11.0803k	1¼–2¼ore disc	4½–5ore disc
Tokyo	305.03-306.63y	305.05-305.61y	2-1⅝y prem	5-4½y prem
Vienna	27 06-27 24sch	27 06-27 13sch	15¾–13¾gro prem	6¼–5gro prem
Zurich	3.2354-3.2529f	3.2354-3.2431f	5 prem-10c disc	35-70c disc

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.3 at 77.5 (day's range 77.8-77.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	580.80-582.25
Australia dollar	1.7628-1.7672
Bahrain dinar	0.4555-0.4585
Brazil cruzeiro*	8129.83-8183.99
Cyprus pound	0.7725-0.7825
Finland markka	7.98-8.02
Greece drachma	168.46-170.46
Hong Kong dollar	9.3787-9.3990
India rupee	15.23-15.43
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3583-0.3703
Malaysia dollar	2.8958-3.0018
Mexico peso	266-290
New Zealand dollar	2.8494-2.8834
Saudi Arabia riyal	4.3805-4.4005
Singapore dollar	2.8843-2.7002
South Africa rand	2.4295-2.4374
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.4365-4.4765

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9810-0.9830
Singapore	2.2350-2.2380
Malaysia	2.4850-2.4880
Australia	0.6825-0.6835
Canada	1.3650-1.3680
Sweden	8.17-8.18
Norway	9.1250-9.1350
Denmark	11.4750-11.4850
West Germany	3.1900-3.1950
Switzerland	2.5990-2.6020
Netherlands	3.6080-3.6050
France	9.74-9.75
Japan	253.15-253.25
Italy	2024-2027
Belgium(Comm)	64.22-64.27
Hong Kong	7.7800-7.7820
Portugal	180-184
Spain	179.30-179.50
Austria	22.45-22.50

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 85	87.35	87.39	87.31	87.32	1985
Sep 85	88.15	88.15	87.98	88.00	950
Dec 85	88.61	88.61	88.50	88.50	195
Mar 86	88.80	88.87	88.80	88.87	15
Jun 86	NT			88.90	0
Previous day's total open interest 8991					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 85	91.42	91.43	91.27	91.30	28.20
Sep 85	90.76	90.77	90.60	90.62	1739
Dec 85	90.28	90.28	90.13	90.13	301
Mar 86	89.89	89.90	89.74	89.74	225
Jun 86	89.57	89.57	89.41	89.41	101
Previous day's total open interest 18453					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 85	72-06	72-06	71-19	71-20	793
Sep 85	70-28	71-00	70-28	70-19	3
Previous day's total open interest 2929					
Long Gilt					
Jun 85	105-03	105-05	104-13	104-15	3280
Sep 85	106-12	106-12	107-28	107-30	7
Dec 85	NT			108-04	0
Mar 86	NT			107-24	0
Previous day's total open interest 3519					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 85	129.90	130.55	129.90	129.95	199
Sep 85	130.50	130.80	130.50	130.55	10
Dec 85	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 1273					

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld pence %	P/E
180	162	Aberdeen	174	● +1	5.4b	3.1	5.4
101	87½	Alba	98	..	2.6b	2.1	..
696	580	Alliance	696	..	34.6	5.0	..
155	118	Amer Trust	133	● ..	4.1	3.1	..
302	234	Ang Amer Sec	277	-2	8.1	3.0	..
145	129	Ashdown	132	..	3.9	3.0	..
120	88	Atlantic Assets	107	-1	0.7	0.7	..
102	93	Bankers	96	● ..	3.5b	3.6	..
194	167	Berry	173	..	1.4b	0.8	..
176	152	Border & Sthrn	165	● ..	4.7	2.9	..
107	100	Br Amer Gen	103	-1	3.7	3.6	..
107	100	Br Assets	107	..	3.8b	3.6	..
30½	26	Br Empire Sec	29½	● +½	1.3	4.5	..
373	325	British Inv	348	..	20.3	5.8	..
75	64	Brunner	72	..	2.9	4.0	..
89	72	Charter Agency	82	..	3.1b	3.7	..
555	525	Continental	530	..	28.7b	4.1	..
178	148	Crescent Japan	151	-1	1.1	0.8	..
405	365	Delta	415	..	..	..	..
199	97	Derby Inv	101	+1	10.2	10.1	..
103	85	Do Cap	96	..	..	..	..
285	264	Drayton Cons	289	+2	13.4	4.6	..
148	135	Drayton Far East	138	+1	1.6	1.2	..
429	348	Drayton Japan	372	..	3.8	1.0	..
412	363	Drayton Premier	390	..	18.2	4.7	..
180	162	Dundee Lon	180	..	6.7	3.7	..
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	108	■ ..	0.6	0.6	..
117	103	Edinburgh	109	..	4.1	3.7	..
282	254	Electric Gen	274	..	4.8b	1.7	..
251	228	English Int	248	..	8.6b	3.9	..
78	65	English Scot	69	..	1.8	2.6	..
100½	91	English NY	100	..	3.6	3.4	..
97	85	F & C Alliance	96	..	2.4	2.7	..
166	140	F&C Pacific	143	● -1	5.4	3.7	..
289	248	Finsbury	281	..	9.9	3.5	..
278	242	First Scot Amer	255	..	12.8b	5.0	..
190	159	First Un Gen	180	● ..	8.7b	4.9	..
500	446	Fleming American	485	-10	7.5	1.5	..
258	233	Fleming Enterprise	257	..	11.1	4.3	..
288	260	Fleming Far East	278	-4	4.2	1.5	..
199	180	Fleming Ringfdg	198	..	8.8	3.3	..
208	188	Fleming Japan	203	-2	4.3	2.1	..
118	108	Fleming Mercantile	115	● -1	4.3b	3.7	..
134	108	Fleming Overseas	107	..	3.3b	3.1	..
163	138	Fleming Tech	148	-2	3.1	2.2	..
334	272	Fleming Universal	297	-4	11.4	4.8	..
74	69½	For Col	69	■ ..	1.8	2.8	..
121	93	GBC Capital	102	..	..	..	..
185	155	GT Japan	154	-3	2.6b	1.3	..
618	559	General Funds	585	+2	13.6	2.3	..
261	230	General Cons	248	..	13.1	5.3	..
128	106	Glasgow Stock	116	..	2.9	2.5	..
276	251	Globe	269	-2	12.8	4.9	..
222	202	Greenfriar	222	+4	2.3	1.0	..
272	245	Gresham House	255	+10	5.1	2.2	..
263	250	Tr Pacific Basin	264	● ..	2.9	1.1	..
254	225	Hill [P]	242	-1	13.2	5.5	..
548	498	Invest-in Success	503	..	7.8	1.5	..
235	212	Inv Cap	219	..	5.2b	2.4	..
..	..	Nomo Assets	63½	● +1	0.1	0.1	..
328	272	Lake View	299	..	6.6	2.3	..
191	165	Law Debenture	172	..	7.9	4.6	..
88	66	Lon Merchant Sec	88	+1	2.3	2.6	..
107	92	Lon Trust	98	..	2.9	4.0	..
98	86	Merchants	92	● -1	5.4b	5.8	..
174	147	Monks	154	-1	3.4b	2.2	..
118	106	Murray Income	118	..	8.4b	5.3	..
73	62	Murray Growth	64	● ..	2.0	2.1	..
134	112	Murray Ind	121	● ..	6.4	5.3	..
188	163	Murray Small	170	-2	3.3	1.9	..
282	270	Murray Venture	282	● +2	6.3b	2.2	..
380	300	New Court	380	● ..	20.4	5.7	..
77	67	New Darien Ord	76	● ..	0.5	0.6	..
178	160	NSDR	160	-2	6.7	4.2	..
38½	37	Nthrng Inc 83	38½	..	3.9	8.9	..
243	199	New Tokyo	194	..	2.1	1.1	..
304	274	Nth Atlantic Sec	279	-1	4.6	1.8	..
125	104	Nth S

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Broker's optimism about Burmah earnings sends shares soaring

Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Burmah Oil jumped back into the market spotlight yesterday as a bullish commentary from James Capel, the broker, brought buyers back to the shares.

On Tuesday night the share price showed signs of a strong forward move and by Wednesday morning the jobbers were looking short of stock. A further gain of 12p to 253p was soon registered.

Capel's analyst, Mr Malcolm Graham-Wood, has been impressed by a recent talk with Burmah management and now expects the oil and industry group to show net income of £50 million this year, against a total of £40.7 million in 1984. He suggests a figure of £60 million is achievable for 1986.

His optimism also extends to 1985 dividends, where he expects a payout of 12.25p, against 10.75p previously, making a 23 per cent increase at the net level. That puts Burmah shares on a prospective yield of 7 per cent, and a p/e rating of 7.4.

Mr Graham-Wood says: "Burmah still has some rationalization to do, but it has done a lot over the past year or so. The 'horror' stories so long associated with Burmah look to be part of the past".

Quinton Hazell, the Midlands car accessories company, and the Bahamas transhipment terminal still pose problems, but the former at least is reckoned to be near a sell-off.

"We are buyers of the shares up to 300p", adds Mr Graham-Wood, and it is likely other broking firms will quickly be joining his bullish stance. The company is doing the rounds of City firms and institutions, and also has a visit to Scottish investors planned for next week.

The Capel view disregards any of the takeover talk which has surrounded Burmah for so long. The shares are worth 300p on fundamentals, the broker believes.

Nevertheless, bid rumours refuse to leave the shares, and were growing loud again yesterday. Mr Saul Steinberg, the controversial American entrepreneur, who Reliance Financial Services recently took a 5.5 per cent stake in Vickers, was reputed to be buying Burmah stock. He is reckoned to be gambling on a British bid for Burmah soon.

Heron Group, which has plenty of US connections, has long been favourite to put in an offer. But Heron would now have to pay well over 300p for Burmah, and still take on that loss-making Bahamaian terminal, from which there appears to be no escape.

Grand Metropolitan the betting to brewing group, was another leader in receipt of favourable comment. The shares rose 2p to 290p as Fielding, Newson-Smith, the broker, sent out a buy recommendation.

The analysts Mr Neil Scourse, Mr Tom Corran and Mr Peter Hilliar say the group's fortunes are improving and the market's view of the shares "has become myopically short term and ignores both the potential and the underlying momentum of most of the divisions".

The shares, which touched 360p last year, have suffered because last year's results failed to come up to expectations. The group was hit particularly hard by the price "war" which has broken out in the American unbranded cigarette market.

The Fielding team believes half-year profits, due next week, will be down to £125 million against £147 million. For the full year it expects £330 million which would compare with £334.3 million. But for the 1985-86 year the broker shoots *for £385 million, with the group* thereafter capable of above average growth.

Equities failed to hold their best levels, although a suggestion of institutional demand kept prices firm.

At the close the FT30 share index was 2.7 points higher at 988.5 points and the FT-SE share index finished 2.4 points better at 1,307.9 points.

Although equities quickly shrugged off the shock of the poor April money supply figures, government stocks remained depressed, suffering falls of up to £1.

Among blue chips, **Imperial Chemical Industries** made progress and **British Telecom**, helped by strong buying apparently from one source, touched another new peak of 153p, up 2½p.

British Aerospace held at 405p. In the presently firm market atmosphere and with the deluge of favourable broker comment, the Government share sale is expected to be a resounding success with forecasts stretching to an oversubscription of up to 12 times.

Vickers continued to draw support from the arrival of Mr Steinberg. The shares gained a further 12p to a 306p peak. **Bowater** rose 9p to 281p on *Hanson Trust bid hopes.*

Hillards, the supermarket chain, was the latest high street name to come in for takeover attention. Keen buying sent the shares up 38p at one time. They closed at 398p up 28p Dee Corporation and Argyll Group were the clear favourites bid.

Pentland Industries continued to reflect quote plans for its US offshoot, gaining 35p to 755p. Newcomers **American Electronic Components** traded up to 24½ (against 20p subscription level) and **Clayform Properties** reached 173p against an offer price of 163p.

The analysts' debate over **Reckitt & Colman** and its £165 million purchase of the Airwick Group continued apace with W. Greenwell, the broker, joining the bull faction.

Mr Ian White, the analyst, has cut his current year forecast by £3.5 million to £124 million and is going for £153 million for next year. He thinks the shares are a buy.

Reckitt, he feels, is in a better position to wring improved returns from Airwick than many realize and should achieve quick savings on sales commissions and central administration costs.

The broking community seems fairly evenly divided over Reckitt with two firms, James Capel and Hoare Govett, taking cautious views last week, but de Zoete & Bevan adopting a more bullish stance. Reckitt shares gained 10p to 508p.

Ward White Group, the shoemaker and retailer, slipped 2p to 278p. The company's American associate, Wiener Enterprises, a clothing and shoe chain group based at Harahan, Louisiana, will be listed on the American Stock Exchange from today. WWG has 44.7 per cent of Wiener.

John Carr (Doncaster), the joinery manufacturer, gained 15p to 86p as the company disclosed it had received a takeover approach. Rugby Portland Cement is the market favourite to bid. The Carr announcement followed a firm share performance on Tuesday.

Shares in Markheath Securities, the property company, dropped 8p to 73p as one seller stepped into the market. The shares have suffered in the past two months from news that property sales and lettings have not gone as planned, leaving the group looking at a full-year loss.

Results, much-delayed, are due next Tuesday, but shareholders should find the dividend to their liking. Despite the problems, Markheath has said there will be no reduction on 1984's 9.75 net total.

Brammer, the ball-bearings to machine tool business, continues to attract stock market interest. Though chances of a bid for the company appear to have waned, Brammer has pulled round its profits and growth record and achieved a long-awaited rerating. Yesterday buyers were still apparent, and the share price rose 9p to 321p.

Debenhams', which releases figures today, reached yet another peak, up 6p at 291p, as takeover speculators banked on the results provoking a bid move.

Beers were mixed. **Mansfield Brewery** fell 15p to 399p on worries that it is stretching itself too tightly in its £42 million takeover of North Country Breweries.

Valin Pollen, the public relations group, rose 50p to 590p on its 81 per cent profits gain. **Miles 33** also rose on profit figures – a 50 per cent advance producing a 10p gain to 360p.

Woodhouse and Rixon, the forgemasters, rose 1p to 30½p as the Virani Group popped up with a 7.7 per cent shareholding.

Market gamblers are looking to Oliver Prospecting and Mining, the Dublin-listed minerals company, for a possible winner. The company has a share in a well being drilled in Dubai, and results are due in the next month. The well is reckoned to be only two miles from a high-producing onshore field, giving Oliver's shareholders every chance of striking it rich. Yesterday the shares stood at 55p.

Sangers, which runs the American Pavion cosmetics business, has failed to hold its 80p peak. It shed a few more coppers yesterday to close at 70p. The shares, selling at 7.2 times prospective earnings, look cheap in relation to other US cosmetic companies. Capacity is being trebled and Sangers will soon change its name to Pavion to reflect its US connections.

Food sector analysts are getting ready for two visits to the US next week, one with Booker McConnell and another with Rowntree Mackintosh. Booker will show the City men its turkey breeding business, while Rowntree will display Tom's Foods. Investors can expect to see some reaction to these tours in the respective share prices, which were 256p, down 2p, for Booker and 421p, up 1p for Rowntree.

Traded option highlights

BTR formed a late feature in the traded options market yesterday, with a total of 400 September 650 puts being traded out of a total BTR volume of just 583.

Quite why this contract was so popular was not obvious, but market men suggested that investors were beginning to take up positions ahead of next week's one-for-one share split in the main stock.

Elsewhere on the traded options floor, volume reached just 6,064 contracts traded, with the stock market index option attracting attention. Investors traded 1,078 contracts, of which 753 were puts.

The gilt option also achieved a high volume – 713 contracts

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US slowdown casts its shadow over Philips

Hints which Philips has been dropping in recent weeks about the impact of the slowdown in the US economy were well-founded. Although the company did not go into unpleasant details, it was clear that the first-quarter figures were substantially restricted by poor American performance.

Net income fell to Fl 260 million (£59 million) from Fl 282 million and the fall in US profits was an important factor along with depressed results from the Grundig associate. The main problems came from integrated circuits in the US. In the first half of 1984 sales were increasing at an astonishing rate of 70 per cent. It could not last and at the turn of the year demand dropped sharply as companies began reducing the stockpiles which had been built up.

Having taken on extra staff to cope with this demand in 1984 Philips had to reduce the workforce which can have done the overhead structure no good at all.

It was fortuitous then, that when the US business was in decline, Philips' European operations began to pick up. They have been overshadowed by the illustrious US activities for some time and although there are still problems, notably in the consumer electronics and domestic appliance divisions, on balance the picture is looking much brighter.

The company must be particularly pleased with the continued growth of video cassette recorder sales which have been given a new lease of life since the VHS models were added to the problematic V2000.

Growth in Germany, Scandinavia and Britain led to improved market share but even so the consumer electronics division is only approaching breakeven and a return to profits cannot be expected until 1986 when the extensive rationalization programme has been completed.

There is some consolation with the increasing interest in compact disc players but the product is still only its infancy.

Philips concedes that the ultimate outcome for 1985 will be dictated by the performance in the US. A sales growth of 7 per cent is anticipated in the year but a further substantial slowdown in the US economy might make this a difficult target to achieve.

Costain

Terrel Wyatt, chairman of Costain, the new-look construction group, trailed his coat a little in front of the analysts yesterday. The group, he suggested diffidently, might be prepared to contemplate a more generous dividend policy this year, instead of small regular increases, because profits might be quite good.

No big deal in that, growled the traders, forgetting that Costain's traditional reticence makes the treasury sound positively explicit. In other words, Costain looks to have completed successfully its transition from *Middle East* construction concern with a volatile earnings record into a well-balanced construction conglomerate.

Thus the wildly optimistic – for Costain – forecast means that the lift-off in 1984 from the near-£50 million profits plateau could well see futher progress in 1985. By last night, the analysts were scratching in more gains to about £60 million pretax. Not surprisingly, the shares improved by 14p to 390p.

The divisional composition of Costain appears to have been put together carefully. Contracting returns, at £26 million, were about half group profits last year. Mining (12 million); housing (£4.7 million); and property (£11.3 million) made up the balance.

On one reading, the group is capable of catering for the impact of both left and right wing political biases on domestic credit expansion, through the contracting and housing division. Alternatively, all four divisions are neatly positioned at key points in the general output cycle, so that quality cash flows should be more or less guaranteed.

The proff of such planning, as they say, lies in the gearing. Here, Costain has a lot to boast about. Debt last year rose from £83.5 million to £141.6 million, reflecting the heavy acquisition splurge, but cash balances jumped by nearly £30 million to £130 million. Gearing is negligible and a fair chunk of it funded long term.

Costain claims to be pushing ahead fast on its housing side and in mining, while the group had high hopes of exploiting its new Chinese connections. With the company in such an evolutionary mode, the shares are worth holding.

European Ferries

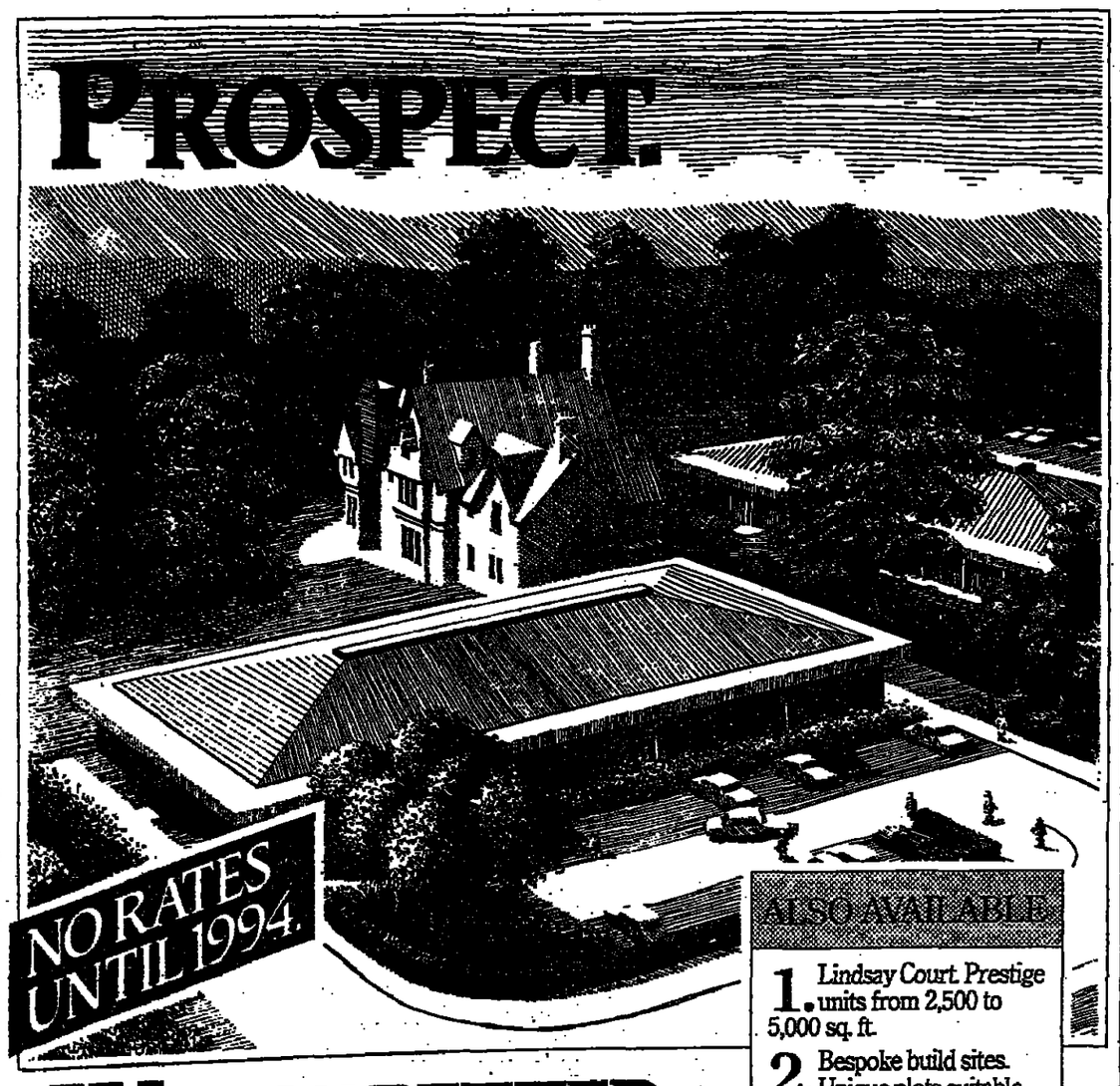
Last year was one of transition for European Ferries, and the subdued reaction to yesterday's annual results suggest that the fruits of reorganization will probably not show through until next year.

At the half-way stage the verdict of this column was that the company would be unable to deliver "anything more than the pedestrian" for the full year. The result is £44.7 million against £45.4 million, a vindication of that prognostication.

The figures have been restated to take account of the merger last September of the holding company and its principal operating subsidiary. *The main impact has been on* foreign currency translation, in that amounts previously treated as extraordinary items are now taken directly to reserves. Depreciation on the surfaced areas of the group's harbours has been increased to pre-empt provisions for maintenance.

Singer and Friedlander, the merchant bank, was sold to Britannia Arrow during 1984, and in December two freighters were bought for £21 million. Since the year-end the group has acquired the Channel ferry business of P & O for £12.5 million, and sold the bulk of its property for a 29 per cent stake in Stockley. Work has also commenced on a £45 million scheme to expand Felixstowe dock so that it can take the biggest container ships.

If investors take for granted *Europerries' skill at exploiting* the fluctuations of the shipping market, and therefore its ability to use the cash generated from asset sales, then it should be worth buying the shares after the 1985 figures are published. Meanwhile, at 145p, unchanged yesterday, the shares yield a comfortable 5 per cent.



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● Royal Insurance is believed to have pre-let the refurbished property, 5/7 Chancery Lane, near Holborn to Denton Hall & Burgin, the solicitors, for £20 a sq ft.

Denton Hall now occupies Denning House in Chancery Lane, developed by St Martins Property Corporation. The exact terms of the deal with Royal, advised by St Quintin, have not been revealed but the rent looks to be a new high for Holborn.

Weatherall Green & Smith's report on the Holborn office market late last year revealed an upsurge of interest in the area which is bearing fruit this year.

The *Daily Telegraph* site in Fleet Street, which is to be redeveloped with 200,000 sq ft offices when the printing works moves to London's Docklands, is the subject of serious interest from at least four would be tenants. Rothsay Developments bought the site for £24 million with finance coming from the South East Bank of Miami.

The exact rent paid by Citibank on taking space in Savoy Court East, Strand, refurbished by London Leeds, is not known, but it is thought to be more than £22 a sq ft – another record.

The shortage of the right kind of space in the City is encouraging developers and tenants to look further afield, and Holborn is benefiting from this.

Surveyors act as competitors make progress

By Judith Huntley

Chartered surveyors are being beleaguered by fierce competition from outside bodies and agencies wanting a share of their business. Those working in the residential agencies are painfully aware that their grip on a £400 million market is being loosened.

Competition from non-chartered surveyors, solicitors, quoted estate agents and banks and building societies is increasing and threatens their hold on the market.

Chartered surveyors working in the investment markets in the City are also feeling the cold winds of change. Merchant and clearing banks, and the burgeoning financial conglomerates are entering the fray for a piece of the lucrative action involved in advising on property investment and development.

A report on competition commissioned by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors from the American Management Analysis Center, presents a gloomy picture for its members. The consultants say that chartered surveyors can meet a competitive challenge described as "unequalled in post-war times" only by developing distinctive skills and by improved management within their firms.

The message is one which is already being taken to heart by many of the leading firms of chartered surveyors, particularly those with investment departments and large practices.

Jones Lang Wootton and Savills have both called in Touche Ross, the accountant, to advise on restructuring their firms, and Knight Frank & Rutley has had Peat Marwick Mitchell undertake a similar exercise.

The results have yet to be disclosed but the indications are that the firm that emerges will be better able to cope with increasing competition, to obtain capital from outside when RICS rules allow, possibly early next year, and to fight off any unwelcome approaches from financial services conglomerations.

The theory behind the Touche approach is that firms should be run more like businesses with managing partners acting in the role of chief executive with a mandate from his other partners to run the firm.

An executive committee within the firm would then appoint regional chief executives to run offices outside London and a board of partners would decide on policy. The object of any reorganization within firms of chartered surveyors must be to free fee-earning partners from day to day management problems.

The change from a traditionally run firm to one that more closely resembles a commercial company is being forced on chartered surveyors by the need to offer more services, to invest heavily in expensive computer facilities and to operate more efficiently as profit margins are squeezed by competition.

These forces prompted the RICS to commission its survey and to speed up change in its regulations which will allow chartered surveying firms to become limited liability companies with the resulting influx of outside capital.

The MAC report highlights the trends in work which used to be exclusively the domain of the surveyor. Property development, refurbishment, investment advice and portfolios management are areas where inroads are being made from in-house teams, financial institutions, accountants, architects and contractors.

The consultants argue that private practices can obtain a competitive edge only through the skills of their partners and their ability to manage the practice. Firms have two decisions to make. One is, which service to offer to which markets, based on matching skills to clients' requirements. The other is how to structure the firm. Marketing of services is highlighted by the MAC report as is the development of new services, a reduction in costs and an improvement in efficiency along with a constant emphasis on good internal management.

The consultants come up with warnings for medium-sized firms of chartered surveyors. The large practice, they say, has maintained its profitability over the years as a result of broadening its range of services, and cost-cutting. Medium-sized firms, however, are suffering from declining profits. Some small firms appear to be doing very well, largely because of specialization but others are also finding margins small.

Medium-sized firms are at a disadvantage compared with both large and small competitors. They can offer neither cost advantage, nor the range of services on offer elsewhere. They are not partner intensive like small firms, something which appeals to many clients who feel they are getting a highly qualified and personal service. The consultants say that acquisition may be a way out for them. The alternative is to reduce the services they offer or to develop new skills.

These recommendations are likely to take a considerable time to filter through. In the short term the MAC report suggests that providing new services is not the answer. Others can quickly copy innovation. But the consultants say firms must consistently invest in management skills, training, information technology, and marketing.

The most important issues ahead of practices will be a continuing drive for cost reductions, and an increase in the value of sevices provided for clients. Practice management is the key to success in this environment they conclude, an environment which is becoming ever more cut-throat.



Speyhawk Land and Estates has started demolition on its City of London site at Monument Street and Fish Street Hill. The company is developing a 20,000 sq ft office building which will cost £3 million.

Speyhawk would not be drawn on the overall development cost nor on rents.

It bought the freeholds of the adjoining properties in Fish Street Hill and surrendered them in return for a building agreement on the existing Monument House owned by the City and Parochial Foundation, land-owning City charity.

Pension fund clients of Hillier Parker are financing the scheme which has been part-let to Bass Charrington which owned the freehold of the former Britannia public house in Fish Street Hill.

Savills advised Speyhawk and is the letting agent with Hillier Parker.

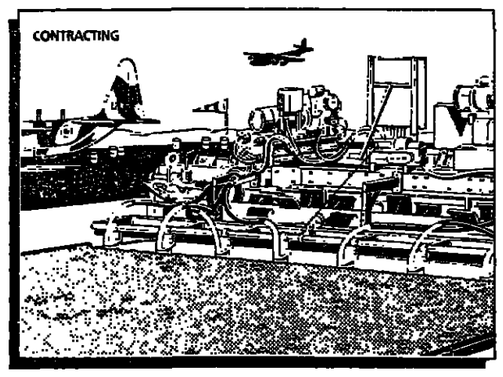
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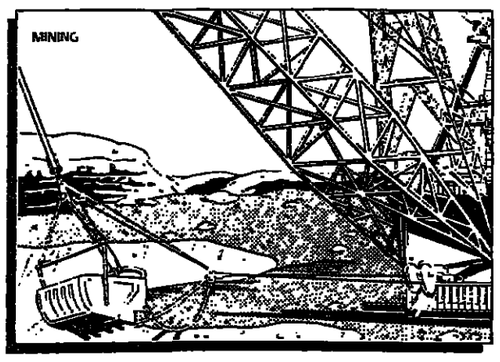
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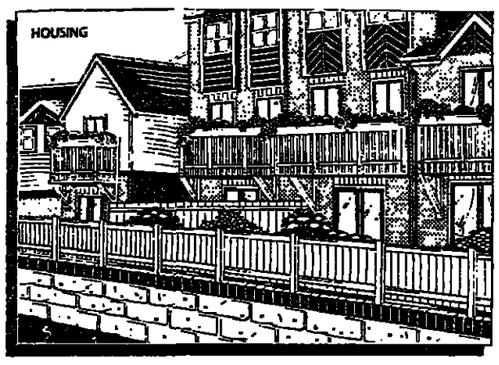
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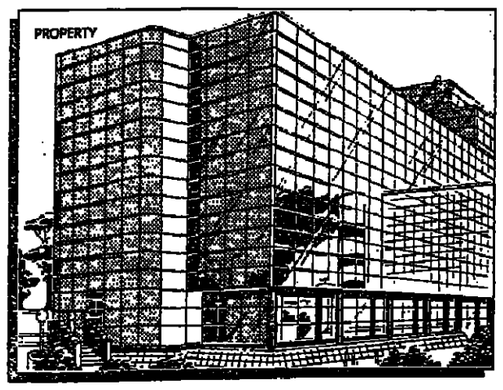
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Turnover	£846m	£723m
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£20m facelift for housing blackspot

● City-Link Development Company, a Scottish property developer, plans to sweep away one of Glasgow's most notorious housing eyesores, the 12 Hutchesontown E blocks in the Gorbals, and redevelop the 27-acre site with a £20 million shopping and housing scheme.

City-Link, advised by Richard Ellis, has put in a planning application to Glasgow City Council for 200,000 sq ft of retailing, including a 90,000 sq ft store, a 20,000 sq ft foodstore and 20 shops. Parking for 1,500 cars is also planned. The proposals seem to be modelled on the successful Cameron Toll retail scheme in Edinburgh.

Glasgow has several new shopping schemes in the pipeline, including a Scottish Development Agency-backed plan for the redevelopment of the St Enoch's site. Guardian Royal Exchange and Teesland plan a speciality shopping centre in Princess Square, but City-Link's project is unlikely to pose a threat to these city centre developments.

The latest report on the Scottish property scene by Kenneth Ryden and Partners indicates that the retail sector is buoyant. Forecasts that rents would move ahead of inflation because of the high level of consumer spending have been borne out. One of the most significant features of the past six months, says the agent, is the revival of interest in Edinburgh's Princes Street and Argyle Street, which has been in the doldrums. Vacant shops are nearly all let and, for the first time in several years, demand is forcing rents upwards.

● Norwich Union Insurance intends to invest another £200 million in property this year. This would be 40 per cent of the new money available for the sector in Britain. Norwich Union says that one of the reasons it can pay higher bonuses on savings policies is because of its involvement in property. Its policy holders are benefiting from buoyant rents in the prime property market where Norwich Union is an important participant.

It invested £158 million in the sector last year, compared with £86 million in 1983. Its purchase of Plumtree Court from Trafalgar House accounted for a hefty slice of this, as did its acquisition of an office building in the City, at Fenchurch Street.

Developing shopping centres in-house remains one of Norwich Union's strengths. And it is developing a large office scheme above Fenchurch Street Station in the City and is financing London & Edinburgh Trust's project at Ropemaker Street.

Norwich Union says the reason it remains committed to property for its main fund, despite poor performance of property units compared with shares, is that large rent increases are now coming through and it feels property provides security in a time when ordinary shares suffer a slide.

● Dominion Insurance has taken 19,200 sq ft in 52 Leadenhall Street in the City of London from Sedgewick Group Properties at a rent of £18 a sq ft. Dominion is centralizing its operation in Leadenhall Street from offices in Gracechurch Street, Finsbury Circus and Cornhill.

Sedgewick is granting a series of sub-leases at Leadenhall Street of which this deal is one with terms expiring in June, 1999 and rent reviews in 1989 and 1994. Savills acted for Dominion and Richard Ellis and Farebrother for Sedgewick.

● The Crown Estate Commissioners is to fund a £20 million shopping centre plan by Merevale Properties and Bredero in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. The Crown Estate is providing interim finance for the scheme and it will buy the freehold.

A covered mall linking Church Street, the prime retail pitch, with Frogmoor, will be built with 30 shops. C&A is taking a 27,000 sq ft store in the development on a 125-year lease and Marks and Spencer is extending its store into the new scheme.

There will be 13,500 sq ft of offices as well as retail space. Land assembly was complicated by the fact that 29 different interests had to be acquired, including a large holding owned by CIN properties. Merevale and Bredero were advised by Chestertons, who is letting agent. Hillier Parker and Drivers Jonas acted for the Crown Estate.

● Crest Estates and Hilton Investments of Hayward Heath, both based in Sussex, plan to jointly develop a seven-acre site next to Haywards Heath railway station with 180,000 sq ft of offices. The site takes in the British Rail car park and goods yard and Hilton has obtained a negotiating agreement with British Rail. The development centres on Hilton, purchase of the former Southdown bus station in Haywards Heath and approval for its conversion to office use. Hampton & Sons who acted for Hilton, is to advise the consortium on the development. Hilton successfully developed and let the 34,000 sq ft Sussex House in Haywards Heath which was funded by Electricity Supply Nominees.

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Botham adds to the fun as Border lifts his side's spirits

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

TAUNTON: Somerset, with six wickets in hand, are 205 runs behind the Australians.

On a marvellously docile pitch and in gorgeous weather, the Australians began their first-class programme in rare style against Somerset yesterday. At lunch, by when they were already 197-2, even the 721 scored in a day by Bradman's side against Essex in 1948 looked threatened. But Border contented himself with a hundred: those who came after him well as they played, were less commanding: and in the end the Australians settled for a teatime declaration at 356-4 and an evening in the field.

The morning's batting consisted of a succession of boundaries, as did the evening's. The Somerset attack was below strength, certainly, but it still contained two England bowlers in Botham and Marks. Throughout the day, of course, Botham's presence added to the fun. In the field he conducted affairs from slip, his massive frame topped by a head of long, escaping curls, bleached by the Scunthorpe sun. He had a hand in all the Australian wickets to fall, and his hitting in the closing overs of the day was marvellously controlled. Already this season he has scored more than 300 runs at Taunton, at something like seven an over.

Border's second scoring stroke in the morning was a drive for six, and three more soon followed, all off Marks. One went into the pavilion, the others into the churchyard at long on. Each time Border simply took a couple of paces, kept his head down and swung through the line. The straight boundaries here are invitingly short, but this was no ordinary way to start a tour.

By lunch, when he had made 73 off 51 balls, Border was in line for an exceptionally fast hundred. But he was in less of a hurry afterwards, which is not to say that he was by means slow. His century came at a run a minute, whereupon he skied another intended drive off Marks.

But each batsman in turn found runs easily come by, until they came upon ways of getting out. Hilditch hooked a long hop from Botham straight to long leg; Wessels, driving at Marks, was very well caught at slip, Botham moving quickly to a deflection off the wicketkeeper. Having begun by hooking and driving like a world beater, Wellham suddenly found Border racing past him. He rather lost his stride after that before forcing Botham to wide mid on.

Boon and Phillips then added an unbroken 108 in 90 minutes before Border decided it was time to let his bowlers have the sun on their backs. Boon, built like a barrel, took a while to get used to the bounce of the ball, which is so much lower than in Australia, but he looked well enough organized. Phillips, tall and left-handed, has a Test hundred against West Indies to his credit. A nice, lissom striker, he, too must soon have been thinking that Taunton had a lot to be said for it.

"You could see the pressure of playing against the West Indians lifting from them as the day went by," an Australian journalist said of the way his side had batted. And by close of play they had looked in the field, at any rate until Botham arrived, recognizably an Australian team, not least because seven of them were properly dressed in Australian caps. Thomson, a blond "bombshell" now, bowled for an hour quite encouragingly fast on so bland a pitch, as did Lawson, and, for the odd ball, McDermott. When, for the last 40 minutes, there was a leg spinner bowling at one end, while Botham and Rose were crashing the ball around, it rounded off a day of wonderful entertainment.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

K C Wessels c Botham b Marks	41
A M J Hilditch c Davis b Botham	20
D M Wellham c Davis b Botham	64
*A R Border c Botham b Marks	106
D C Boon not out	62
†W B Phillips not out	55
Extras (lb 7)	7
Total (4 wkts)	356

G R J Matthews, G F Lawson, C J McDermott, J R Thomson and R G Holland did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–47, 2–85, 3–221, 4–248.

BOWLING:			
Davies	14–2–71–0;	Turner	15–0–85–0;
Botham	12–3–28–2;	Marks	25–4–87–2;
Popplewell	3–0–21–0;	Booth	11–1–57–0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

P M Roebuck c Phillips b Lawson	13
†I F M Popplewell c Boon b Thomson	25
R L Ollis run out	11
B C Rose not out	42
R Harden c Phillips b McDermott	0
*I T Botham not out	53
Extras (b 2, n-b 5)	7
Total (4 wkts)	151

V J Marks, N T Gard, M S Turner, M R Davis and S C Booth to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–34, 2–54, 3–65, 4–65.

Umpires: R Julian and D R Shepherd.



Ton up: Botham sees Border's six take Australia past 100. (Photograph: Ian Stewart.)

The green cap of pride

Simon Barnes

The traditional dress of the Australian cricketer is the baggy green cap on the head and the chip on the shoulder. Both are ritualistically assumed. Australians do not necessarily believe that all Englishmen are oleaginous poofters whose warm beer is the ultimate symbol of a decaying civilisation. But it is fun to play it that way, and to go out fired with purpose to teach the Poms how to play cricket. It is why Australians (and Englishmen) are at their best in an Ashes series.

This time, though, the Australians have a chip on both shoulders. And this makes them the more dangerous. This time they not only have the traditional siege mentality, the determination to repulse the Poms, they also have an enormous feeling of group solidarity through their desire to stuff their critics. They have been told they are a second XI. Several times. They don't like it.

For a number of good Australian cricketers have turned down this Ashes tour in order to go and promote apartheid in South Africa. Their defection turned the pre-tour fortnight, which should have been a time of cheerful war cries, into a period of suspicion and barbed public speculation. No Australian has forgotten the time when another "second XI" of Australian loyalists got hammered by the Poms as official Tests run in tandem with the pretend matches of the first eleven and the Kerry Packer breakaway troupe.

There has been a slightly defensive tendency in the Australian press to write off the Australian chances before a ball has been bowled in anger. As Englishmen welcome back their South African rebels, so the Australians are losing a number of their own key men. "We're all sick and tired of this talk in the press about the second XI," said the Australian captain, Allan Border, who is no second eleven cricketer. "This side is happy, and we just want to play cricket". And then they'll be sorry, Poms and critics alike.

Border is spoiling for a fight, full of belief in his players and confident in his ability. He is not going to blub in any press conference. He is one of those tough, uncompromising, Wild colonial boys. One look at him and you know he can take his Vegemite straight from the jar.

"In no way I am over-confident," he said. "But I think we have a side here that can produce the goods." We have read that a number of his players have been bribed to stay loyal, have been slipped a pocketful of dollars to turn down the trip to South Africa, by none other than Kerry Packer, he who is now on the side of the Australian angels (if such a body can be said to exist). To have a touring side with first and second class passengers is clearly a recipe for disaster.

"But it is just not true," Border said. "It is just supposition in the Press. Some players made a decision to go to South Africa and then reversed it, that's all. They didn't get paid to change their minds. The idea that they did has put us all under great pressure, but the players concerned have convinced us that they are not getting paid extra. And that's good enough for us. The side is happy. We want to play."

We were talking during a practice session. Border having just unstrapped his pads after a useful-looking half-hour in the nets. Run-stealers in green and gold track suits flickered to and fro, and the air was full of shouts of triumph, congratulation, jovial insult, running jokes, and purposeful good humour. "You're never quite sure how a touring side will get on," Border said. "But this is a good one. The spirit is good, the banter is great.

"Of course, we will miss some of the players who've gone to South Africa, particularly Terry Alderman, who is a proven bowler on English wickets. But we have our potential match winners, Geoff Lawson is one, and Jeff Thomson, on his day, could be another. He's still got it – he's faster than anyone in England. He can bowl short bursts very fast or longer spells of fast-medium swingers. He could win us a Test.

David Gilbert could be a surprise packet. He has been bowling very well in the nets. He is generally quick and very deceptive. He can hit the ball hard with little apparent effort, with a ball that comes from nowhere and an unchanged action. You don't know it's coming.

"What we lack is a swashbuckling batsman, the kind who can change a match in a session. The batting is unproven." He does himself less than justice here: Border is a fine, obdurate batter who nearly saved the Old Trafford Test in 1981, with a broken finger, at that.

But it remains a fact that the Australian side looks a trifle thin, a little short of resonant names, as the defetion follows hard upon the retirement of that redoubtable trio of Pom-bashers, Lillee, Marsh and Chappell.

We play an awful lot of cricket these days, but there's something special about an Ashes series. This is the tour that players will break their backs to get on." Some of them will, anyway. "This time England look very good on paper, especially the batting. I have a lot of respect for England. You never have a result against England until the last ball is bowled."

Border is convinced that he has a side jam-packed with potential. The "second XI" stuff has unified the side quite beautifully: you only had to watch them in the nets to feel a sense of purpose. Both Poms and critics must be given what they deserve. Let battle commence: "I don't know how the ticket sales have been going", Border said, "but anyone who misses this series will be crazy. Because it is going to be a beauty."

Dependable Slack, pugnacious Radley

By Marcus Williams

LORD'S: Kent, with all first innings wickets in hand, are 293 runs behind Middlesex

On a cold grey day at Lord's the cricket was pretty colourless until the Midlesex batsmen bestirred themselves after tea in pursuit of a fourth batting point. When Slack was out in the 79th over for a worthy 105, scored in 285 minutes, Middlesex required a further 94 runs off 21 overs and their rate of progress at that stage suggested that they might not get there.

Radley, however, emerged from his shell to score a pugnacious 50, Downton made an attractive 23, and in the end Emburey, with an idiosyncratic sweep for six and carve to mid-on for four off an over by Underwood that cost 18 runs, saw Middlesex past 300 with six balls to spare. Gatting's declaration left Kent to negotiate nine overs in poor light, but Cowans was in only his second over when Benson and Hinks accepted the umpire's offer to go off.

Slack has made a prolific start to the season, with previous scores of 72 not out, 40, 81, 86 not out and 99. He has developed into a highly dependable opening batsman, if unexciting to watch, and though stuck in the nineties for 10 overs, offering a difficult return catch to Jarvis when 96, he deservedly reached the century.

It was a puzzling day in many respects, beginning with Cowdrey's decision to put Middlesex in on an easy paced pitch. The ball did nothing out of the ordinary – and he was without his quickest bowler, Dilley, who had a bad twinge. Baptise was particularly disappointing and Underwood surprisingly did not appear in the attack until the 57th over. He bowled nine overs for six runs and took the wicket of Butcher, who made a bright 35. Slack was bowled by Cowdrey as the scoring rate slowed to a crawl.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

G D Barlow c Aslett b Cowdrey	32
W N Slack b Cowdrey	105
*M R Gatting c Knott b Jarvis	11
R O Butcher c Hinks b Underwood	35
C T Radley c and b Underwood	50
†P R Downton c Penn b Underwood	23
J E Emburey not out	22
P H Edmonds not out	6
Extras (lb 5, w 3, n-b 10)	19
Total (8 wkts dec, 100 overs)	303

N F Williams, N G Cowans and W W Daniel did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–69, 2–110, 3–178, 4–206, 5–282, 6–282.

BOWLING:			
Jarvis	21–2–73–1;	Baptiste	23–5–55–0;
Penn	17?–3–57–0;	Cowdrey	25–4–69–2;
Underwood	14–7–43–3.		

KENT: First Innings

M R Benson not out	4
S G Hinks not out	4
Extras (lb 1, n-b 1)	2
Total (no wkt, 3.4 overs)	10

C J Tavare, D G Aslett, *C S Cowdrey, E A E Baptiste, G W Johnson, †A P E Knott, C Penn, D L Underwood and K B S Jarvis to bat.

Bonus points (to date): Middlesex 4, Kent 2.

Umpires: H B Bird and D O Oslear.

Brothers make their case

By Ivo Tennant

They have seen it all in the Parks: great names, low scores, snow in flaming June no doubt. Only last week, Oxford University were bowled out for 24. But there cannot, hitherto, have appeared the vision which assailed numb senses yesterday: two South African borthers competing at the crease for England recognition.

They were, of course, the Smiths. Chris and younger brother Robin, and they need every first-class run they can muster as competition for England's upper-order has not been so stiff for a while. Both scored centuries, coming together when Turner retired with a cold, and they propelled Hampshire to a large total. They have done this before, on Robin Smith's championship debut two years ago, and probably will do it again, perhaps even for their adopted country.

It has been said that Robin Smith is a good as Barry Richards was when he came over. One who will know is Jesty, a Hampshire man who modelled himself on Richards. He, too, has been adopted, by Surrey, and made 75 for them yesterday against Lancashire. Clinton scored 87, Butcher 81, and Allott took six for 71.

The championship leaders, Glamorgan, were again indebted to Javed Miandad. He fell two short of a century after rescuing them from a sticky start against Warwickshire. Wall, who has done little first-class bowling, took four wickets at fast-medium.

At Worcester, Bainbridge made 83 for Gloucestershire. The match is nicely poised, Worcestershire being 165 runs behind with six wickets in hand. And at Fenner's, Sussex made some progress against Cambridge University before the rain whipped across the Fens. Parker is undefeated with 47.

New Zealand lead

Kingston (Reuter) – New Zealand were 245 for six in their second innings – an overall lead of 20 – at lunch on the fourth day of the fourth and final cricket Test against West Indies at Sabina Park yesterday.

Scores: West Indies 363, New Zealand 138 and 245 for 6

BOXING

Mancini gives up the ring on anniversary

From Sue Mott, New York



Mancini: no sequel

Ray Mancini, the former World Boxing Association lightweight champion, is retiring his "Boom Boom" alias after five and a half years in the ring and four successful title defences.

He revealed in New York yesterday, on the third anniversary of winning the lightweight title against Arturo Frias, that he is retiring from boxing at the tender age of 24 to pursue other interests – possibly an acting career.

"I don't want to train no more," he said "I don't want to get banged around any more. I spent five and a half years of my life as a pro boxer, I got the world title for my father" – Lennie "Boom Boom" Mancini – "and I've earned enough money to get my security. I've used boxing, I don't want to let boxing use me."

Mancini, who lost a controversial 15-round decision to Livingston Bramble in Reno last February in an attempt to regain the lightweight title, goes into retirement with a 29-win three-loss record, including 23 knockouts.

He denied that he retired once before, following the fight with Duk Koo Kim, the Korean boxer who died after the bout. "People just assumed. I didn't say anything. When I say I'm gone, I'm gone."

A film portraying Mancini's life story, called *The Heart of a Champion*, was recently premiered on network television in the United States, but he discounted rumours that he would star in a sequel.

CYCLING

Kelly takes stage

Albacete (AFP) – Sean Kelly won yesterday's fifteenth stage of the Tour of Spain when he sprinted ahead of the pack at the end of the 208km run from Beniform.

It was the Irishman's third win of the 19-day tour, following his successes on the second and tenth stages, though he remains well down the overall standings. Robert Millar of Scotland kept the overall lead.

● Rudy Matthijs of Belgium sprinted ahead of the pack to win the first stage of the Dunkirk four-day road race yesterday while his team colleague, Jean-Luc Vandenbroucke, retained the overall lead (AFP reports). The stage was as dull as the weather, but Vandenbroucke was not complaining. "We controlled the race without any problem", he said.

● Eddy Schepers of Belgium won the first stage of the Tour de Romandie from Monthey to Villeneuve yesterday by the narrowest of margins from Laurent Vial of Switzerland (Reuter reports).

● Guido Bontempi edged Harald Maier, the overall leader, by seven seconds at the finish line in Male, north eastern Italy, yesterday to win the second stage of the three-stage Tour of Trentino (AP reports).

EQUESTRIANISM

Stern test awaits Skelton

By Jenny MacArthur

Nick Skelton, the runner-up in last month's showjumping World Cup final, will compete in his first major outdoor event of the season at the Royal Windsor Horse Show which starts today at the Home Park Windsor. The four-day show, with its wide range of classes and varied parades and displays, is one of Britains's most impressive equestrian spectacles and attracts most of the top international riders. The main sponsors are Toshiba and Modern Alarms.

Skelton is resting his top horse, St James, but has entered the Everest stable's, Apollo and Radius in the Toshiba gentlemen's championships, which takes place under floodlights tomorrow evening. His opposition will include Harvey Smith and Geoff Billington. David Broome is also entered and will ride Brandon or Royale. Michael Whitaker is a notable absentee. He is flying to Spain tomorrow to join his brother, John, and other members of the British team competing in Madrid.

Chubb Castle and Bertie Hill are the two judges who have to sort out today's ridden hunter classes, which start with the novice. Last year, this class was won by Fireworks Night, who this week, again ridden by Vin Toulson, is a likely winner of the middleweight class. Fireworks Night will be Toulson's only ride in the weight classes, unless he is offered a ride at the show. His novice horse, the Broker, is throwing a splint and the heavyweight, Royal George, is resting.

The great Elite, who dominated the hunter classes for the last two seasons, has changed ownership and will be ridden in the ladies' hunter class by the top three-day event rider Jane Holderness-Roddam. In the heavyweight class, it will be interesting to see how Robert Oliver fares with Standing Ovation, who was produced last season from David Tatlow's Gloucestershire yard.

Prince Philip will drive a team of bays owned by the Queen in the Harrods International Driving Grand Prix, which begins today with the presentation and dressage phase. The entries include Finn Caspersen's Holstein team, from the United States, which, driven by Bill Long finished seventh in the world championship last year.

GOLF

Faldo keen to win a third time

By Mitchell Platts

Nick Faldo today launches his attempt to win the Car Care Plan International for a third successive time with the knowledge that by Sunday evening he could be left without a title to his name.

A year ago Faldo followed his success in the Sea Pines Heritage Classic on the American tour by capturing the Car Care tournament in spite of the challenges of Howard Cairk and Sandy Lyle.

But since then he has been restricted to finishing sixth in the Open and has been overshadowed by Severiano Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer, Lyle and Sam Torrance.

Ballesteros won the Open, the Suntory world match play championship and the Sun City Challenge last year. Langer gathered four "Open" titles in finishing Europe's No 1 in 1984 then started this year by winning the Australian Masters before taking the United States Masters and Heritage Classic in successive weeks. Lyle completed his programme last year by winning three tournaments and £200,000 in six weeks, and Torrance finished second in the 1984 European Order of Merit following three tour wins.

Not that tour victories are essential for acquiring the trappings of success, since Faldo has recently bought a £30,000 Mercedes to put in his garage alongside the Porsche and the Audi Quattro at his new Surrey home.

Even so, Faldo is well aware that he will require the confidence of a win to assist his challenge for the Open this summer. His prospects of completing a unique treble in the Car Care Plan International will largely depend on his recovering his short game, which has betrayed him in recent weeks.

Coincidentally Manuel Piñero, of Spain, also is striving to complete three victories in succession,

Britons ahead

St Cloud, France (AP) – Two British players, Laura Davies and Penny Grice, led the $50,000 Hennessy Cup women's tournament after the first round yesterday. They shot rounds of 69, one stroke ahead of the French amateur, Marie-Laure Taya, and two clear of Jan Stephenson, of Australia.

FIRST ROUND: 69: L Davies., P Grice (GB). 70: M Taya (Fr) 71: J Stephenson (Aus), 72: V Marvin (GB);, C Bourtayre (Fr). 73: G Stewart (GB). 74: S Strudwick (GB), C Lehmann (US);. M Burton (GB), 75: M Thomson (GB);, M Walker (GB);, L Castillo (US).

The inclination of a Derbyshire Hill

By Richard Streeton

ORIGIL ROAD, Leicestershire, with all but one innings wickets in hand, are 220 runs behind Derbyshire

Alan Hill's approach to batting has seldom left spectators enraptured, but his obduracy yesterday once again served the Derbyshire cause nobly. For nearly four and a half hours, under heavy clouds, Hill kept David Gower wondering if he had been right to give Derbyshire first use of a damp, green pitch.

Drizzle delayed the start and at first Leicestershire's bowlers failed to use the conditions properly, but they improved later. Cliff made the initial breakthrough and Briers followed with the best bowling figures of his career. Any qualms Gower had held were dispersed.

Barnett played the most enterprising innings. He took advantage of several ill-directed balls to gather runs on the back foot, particularly either side of cover point, before he played loosely against Cliff and was caught behind. Cliff took another wicket when Morris, half forward, was held at second slip and he continued to keep the batsmen watchful.



Briers: career best

Briers topped the Leicestershire averages in 1984, when he was pressed into service because of injuries. He can still legitimately be described as an occasional bowler, but he fired in his medium pace on a good line and occasional movement did the rest. Roberts was caught at midwicket, forcing a ball on his leg; Fowler and Miller were out playing crookedly.

All this time Hill's progress was unspectacular but safe with an occasional well timed drive bringing rare changes in temp. Hill was seventh out, in the 75th over, when Cliff returned after tea and the batsman played back a ball that kept low. Briers took his fourth wicket when Newman was caught by Cliff over his shoulder at deep mid-off.

Leicestershire were left 13 overs to bat, but bad light brought an early finish.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Garnham b Cliff	49
A Hill lb-w b Cliff	89
J E Morris c Butcher b Cliff	20
B Roberts c Cook b Briers	14
W P Fowler c Garnham b Briers	6
G Miller lb-w b Briers	0
R J Finney b Parsons	0
†B J M Maher b Ferris	8
A E Warner not out	8
P G Newman c Cliff b Briers	10
D E Malcolm b Ferris	0
Extras (b 9, l-b 4, n-b 9)	22
Total (82.1 overs)	226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–82, 2–109, 3–152, 4–170, 5–172, 6–173, 7–199, 8–206, 9–226, 10–226

BOWLING:			
Ferris	20.1–5–58–2;	Parsons	12–1–28–4.
Cliff	26–9–53–3;	Briers	

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

I P Butcher not out	4
J C Balderstone not out	0
Total (no wkt, 1 over)	4

*D I Gower, P Willey, J J Whitaker, N E Briers, I M A Garnham, P B Cliff, G J Parsons, N G B Cook and G J F Ferris to bat.

Bonus points (to date): Leicestershire 4, Derbyshire 2.

Umpires: C Cook and A G T Whitehead.

Oxford Univ v Hampshire

AT THE PARKS

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

J J E Hardy c and b Toogood	43
C L Smith c Patel b Bretlall	110
D R Turner run'd'd	49
R A Smith st Harrison b Toogood	120
*M C J Nicholas c Lawrance b Rutnagur	0
K D James not out	43
Extras (b 2, l-b 5, n-b 1)	8
Total (4 wkts dec)	373

R J Maru, †F E Goldie, C A Connor, S J W Andrew and I J Chivers did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–71, 2–222, 3–222, 4–373.

BOWLING: Thorne 10–0–42–0; Quintan 10–1–62–0; Toogood 31.4–11–106–2; Lawrance 19–1–98–0; Rutnagur 8–1–28–1; Bretlall 5–1–32–1.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*A J T Miller not out	15
G J Toogood b Connor	0
C D M Tooley not out	15
Extras (b 1, n-b 3)	4
Total (1 wkt)	34

T Patel, D A Thorne, R S T Rutnagur, C M Denny, †D Harrison, J D Quintan, M P Lawrance and J G Bretlall to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–5

Umpires: A A Jones and R Palmer.

Worcs v Glos

AT WORCESTER

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A W Stovold b Newport	28
P W Romaines c Patel b Radford	4
C W J Athey c Rhodes b Radford	30
P Bainbridge lb-w b Radford	83
B F Davison l-b-w b Kapil Dev	35
K M Curran c Kapil Dev b Weston	0
J W Lloyds b Kapil Dev	9
*D A Graveney c Rhodes b Newport	35
†R C Russell c Kapil Dev b Newport	9
D V Lawrence b Newport	15
G E Sainsbury not out	10
Extras (b 4, l-b 11, w 2, n-b 5)	22
Total (79.4 overs)	279

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–14, 2–44, 3–81, 4–147, 5–158, 6–187, 7–218, 8–252, 9–257, 10–279.

BOWLING:			
Kapil Dev	20–8–74–2;	Radford	25–6–68–3;
Illingworth	4–1–16–0;	Newport	11.4–2–48–4,
Weston	19–7–49–1.		

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis b Lawrence	3
M J Weston c Russell b Bainbridge	47
D M Smith c Sainsbury b Lawrence	15
D M Patel c Romaines b Curran	15
*P A Neale not out	12
D B d'Oliveira not out	0
Extras (n-b 7)	7
Total (4 wkts, 32 overs)	105

Kapil Dev, P J Newport, †S J Rhodes, N V Radford and R K Illingworth to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–20, 2–55, 3–85, 4–88.

Bonus points (to date): Worcestershire 4, Gloucestershire 4.

Umpires: K E Palmer and R A White.

Surrey v Lancashire

AT THE OVAL

SURREY: First Innings

A R Butcher c Simmons b O'Shaughnessy	81
G S Clinton b Allott	87
A J Stewart c Abraham b O'Shaughnessy	14
†T E Jesty c and b Henriksen	75
M A Lynch run out	0
A Needham c Stanworth b Allott	43
†C J Richards c Stanworth b Allott	3
D J Thomas c Stanworth b Allott	15
G Monkhouse not out	10
P I Pocock c and b Allott	0
N S Taylor b Allott	0
Extras (b 4, l-b 8, n-b 1)	13
Total	341

100 overs: 339–7

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–167, 2–169, 3–194, 4–194, 5–287, 6–293, 7–316, 8–341, 9–341, 10–341

BOWLING:			
Allott	24.5–7–71–6;	Jefferies	23–2–72–0;
Henriksen	12–1–44–1;	Simmons	25–7–71–0;
Watkinson	10–2–46–0;	O'Shaughnessy	6–2–9–2;
Abrahams	2–0–15–0.		

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G Fowler not out	2
J A Ormrod not out	4
Total (4 wkts, 4 overs)	6

S J O'Shaughnessy, N H Fairbrother, J Abrahams, Mr Watkinson, J Simmons, †J Stanworth, P J W Allott, S T Jefferies and S Henriksen to bat.

Bonus points (to date): Surrey 4, Lancashire 3.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J W Holder.

Warwicks v Glamorgan

AT EDGBASTON

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

J A Hopkins c Ferreira b Old	0
G C Holmes c Wall b Small	0
S P Henderson c Humpage b Ferreira	28
Javed Miandad lb-w b Wall	98
Younis Ahmed b P A Smith	18
*R C Ontong c Amiss b Ferreira	55
J F Steele c Humpage b Wall	1
J Derrick l-b-w b Wall	1
J G Thomas c Humpage b Small	27
†T Davies not out	12
S R Barwick c Humpage b Wall	0
Extras (b 2, l-b 8, w 1, n-b 4)	15
Total (75.2 overs)	253

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–1, 2–1, 3–55, 4–82, 5–172, 6–175, 7–187, 8–228, 9–252, 10–253.

BOWLING:			
Small	15–4–44–2;	Old	7–4–15–1;
Wall	20.2–5–59–4;	Ferreira	19–3–66–2;
P A Smith	8–0–47–1;	Gifford	8–2–12–0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

T A Lloyd not out	64
R I H B Dyer not out	44
Extras (lb 1, w 1, n-b 2)	4
Total (no wkt, 33 overs)	112

K D Smith, D L Amiss, †G W Humpage, A M Ferreira, P A Smith, C M Old, S Wall, G C Small and *N Gifford to bat.

Bonus points (to date): Warwickshire 4, Glamorgan 3.

Umpires: J H Harris and B J Meyer.

Cambridge Univ v Sussex

AT FENNER'S

SUSSEX: First Innings

G D Mendis l-b-w b Scott	23
A M Green b Cotterell	42
P W G Parker not out	47
A P Wells not out	11
Extras (b 4, l-b 4)	8
Total (2 wkts)	131

C M Wells, *J R T Barclay, I A Greig, †I J Gould, A C S Pigott, D A Reeve and A N Jones to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–35, 2–102.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: A E Lea, S Gorman, *C R Andrew, P G P Roebuck, D Fell, A Afzulwala, †A G Davies, T A Cotterell, A D H Grimes, C C Ellison, A Scott.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and H J Rhodes.

Parr for the Tweed

By Conrad Voss Bark



The stocking of salmon eggs or fry in 17 or possibly 18 tributaries of the upper River Tweed has been recommended after a scientific survey last year showed a major decline in the number of young salmon – fry or parr – in those rivers compared with 1970.

Sampling of the Tweed and 47 of its tributaries was carried out at 89 sites by scientists from the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Edinburgh, financed by the Tweed Foundation, a watch-dog body set up last year.

Dr Derek Mills and Andrew Tomison, in charge of the survey, say in their report that they were surprised to find an almost complete absence of salmon fry and parr in a number of rivers where they were known to be in the past – for example in Caddon Burn – or where they might have been expected to be present, as in Upper Leithen Water.

There was also a marked increase in the size of the trout population and this could possibly be related to the shortage of salmon though it would seem likely that poaching, illegal fishing at sea, and the Northumbrian drift net fishery had the greatest effect, as these would tend to affect the salmon far more than the trout.

Stocking of salmon eggs or fry is recommended in 17 small streams such as Leithen Water, Caddon Burn, Upper Lyne, Little Yarrow, Upper Jed, and – subject to a further survey – in the Whiteadder.

The most striking changes in the number of young salmon recorded were in the upper Tweed and the Teviot river systems. "The densities of young salmon in upper Tweed in 1970 were almost four times higher than at present [1984] while on the Teviot and middle Tweed they were twice as high in 1970."

Not all the news was bad. In the upper Ettrick and tributaries – the Tima and Rankle – the densities of young salmon "are very high and are greater than those of the trout population in those waters".

The Edinburgh survey, one of the most thorough of its kind, is bound to create considerable interest not only in Scotland but south of the Border as well, where similar shortages of young salmon have been reported.

Reported catches of salmon and grilse in Scotland, which in 1980 were at their lowest for 20 years, showed a further modest improvement in 1983. Numbers were up by 6 per cent to 355,600 and the total weight up by 12 per cent to 1,221 tonnes, reflecting a higher salmon content in the catches.

Most of the increase in the total catch came in the net and coble catch, which was up 23 per cent. Both rod and line and fixed engine catches were up 6 per cent. However, there was a substantial drop in sea trout catches by 23 per cent in numbers and 21 per cent in weight.

The official figures just been released in Edinburgh and copies of the statistics for 1983 can be obtained, price 50p, from the Scottish Office Library, New St Andrews House, Edinburgh.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford C. v Liverpool (7.30) Notts Forest v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0) Stoke City v Huddersfield Town (7.0) West Bromwich Albion v Coventry City (7.0) Second division: Blackpool v Port Vale (7.0) Burnley v Grimsby (7.0) Middlesbrough v Wolverhampton Wanderers (7.0) Rotherham v Leeds United (7.0)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton v Queens Park Rangers (7.0) Ipswich v Oxford United (2.15) Luton v Chelsea (2.0) Tottenham v Norwich City (2.30) Swindon v Brighton (7.0)

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: (6.30) BAE (Weybridge) v Ash United, Chertsey v Malden Vale. Godalming Town v Malden Town

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal v Tottenham (London Colney, 11.0)

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Jersey FA v Combined Services (St Helier, 10.30)

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE (7.30): First division: Clapton v Lewes. Second division North: Hainault v Leyton Wingate.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Brob Barnet v Chesham (7.30). **EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE (7.30):** Brantham v Ely; Wisbech v Great Yarmouth, March v Braintree. **SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: SEMI-FINAL REPLAY:** Tottenham v Portsmouth (7.0). **COURAGE'S EASTERN FLOODLIT COMPETITION FINAL:** SUDBURY LSOB Thanet v Histon. **FINAL:** SUDBURY THAMES-SIDE Rosco v Stanford. **ESSEX THAMES-SIDE TROPHY FINAL (7.30):** Hornchurch v Grays.

CRICKET
(11.0-6.30 unless stated)

Tour match
TAUNTON: Somerset v Australia

Britannic Assurance County Championship
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire

LORD'S: Middlesex v Kent
THE OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Glamorgan

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire

Other matches:
CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Sussex (11.30-6.30)

OXFORD: Oxford University v Hampshire (11.30-6.30)

Second XI championship
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire; Bristol: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire; Maidstone: Kent v Surrey; Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire; Milton Keynes: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire.

OTHER SPORTS

TENNIS: LTA Spring series tournament (at Bournemouth).
GOLF: Car Care Plan Tournament (at Moortown).
ICE SKATING: Wilkie Ice Dance international (at Nottingham).
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Windsor Show (Home Park).

EVENING RACING RESULTS

Cheltenham

Going firm

5.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, Teatley Lad (Mr J Wrathall, 20-1); 2, Campello Boy (2-1 fav); 3, Ty-Phran (16-1). Sh. 2l. 16 ran. NR: Tanygoan View A Jones. TOTE: £43.00: £5.40, £1.50, £4.00. DF: £278.50. CSF: £58.90.

5.50 (3m 1f ch) 1, Naughty Niece (Mr J Wrathall, 11-4); 2, Yellow Jersey (4-6 fav); 3, Bachelor Lad (8-1). 20l, 30l. 7 ran. J Newton Taylor. TOTE: £4.40; £1.70, £1.40. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.65.

6.25 (4m ch) 1, Tea Cherdes (Mr M Bell, 5-1 fav); 2, Segalean Dam (20-1); 3, Salinanda (9-2). 1½l, 8l. 10 ran. NR: Guinea, Skibury Hill, Verasteele, What A Boy, Knapp Flight, Mrs M Rimell. TOTE: £1.90; £1.10, £5.90, £1.20. DF: £36.90. CSF: £16.82.

7.0 (3m 2f ch) 1, City Boy (Mr T Thomson Jones, 4-9 fav); 2, Nostradamus (11-4); 3, Hillingdon Boy (15-2). 1¼l, 3l. 4 ran. Mrs J Mann. TOTE: £1.30. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.03.

7.35 (2m, 4f ch) 1, Jack And Ali Trades (Mr A Hill, 5-4 fav); 2, Corsad (7-4); 3, Mazz Murphy (3-1) 15l, 10l. 4 ran. J Delahooke. TOTE: £2.00. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.61.

8.10 (2m ch) 1, Vinosi (Mr M Price, 7-1); 2, Chiseldo Ora (11-8 fav); 3, Mr Mellors (12-1). Freddie Bee 11-8 k.fav. 7l, 30l. 11 ran. Miss C Phillips. TOTE: £11.10; £1.90; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £9.60. CSF: £18.34.

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Rugby Union: Sevens with a bigger smile

Hearty heroes' early exit does not spoil their fun

I am pleased to report that the *Star*, High Littleton, once again sent a team to the Clifton ground to participate in the Taverners Sevens Challenge Cup, which is played for the benefit of under-privileged children (UPCC) and was sponsored by Camel, an American tobacco company.

I am also pleased to report that, despite cold weather, the occasion was a great success, financially, and socially. Many an under-privileged child munching an extra apple will not know that he owes it to those hearty heroes bouncing each other up and down on the hard Clifton ground.

On a less pleasing note, the *Star* did not do so well. We thought we had a good side, because apart from Derek Wyatt, our pillar last year, we had enlisted Simon Halliday, who is one of the best centres in England, and we had as a base the Blagdon side who won the Bath sevens this season (actually they were beaten in the final, by Bath Spartans, but afterwards the Spartans realized that they had played two ineligible players, and manfully confessed it, so Blagdon were declared winners).

All our players were eligible, having drunk the necessary pintage on the premises. Wyatt, a regular visitor to the village because he is a publisher and this is an area in which recalcitrant authors need nudging, played for England, for Bedford, when they won the cup, and (some years later) for Oxford. His friend Halliday was in the same Oxford team. It was an optimistic coachload that set out from High Littleton.

But two things had happened to give us doubts. The first was that Halliday had withdrawn, because of cricketing commitments to Somerset (I think he is likely to play for them before long). I had this news on the Friday, and it came to me only because Gerry, our landlord, was away on a short holiday in Devon. I spent the whole of the Friday evening trying to contact various rugby players I knew. Finally Jack Simpkins, the Bath president, suggested that the best thing to do would be to contact Roger Spurrell, who runs a night club in Bath, to which many players have been known to resort. "Find me a player," I said, "who has drunk at the *Star* and can play for us on Sunday."

Roger must have done his best. At 11.30 the telephone rang. It was Simon Jones, a great back-row forward, though he never quite reached international level. Yes, he said, he would be delighted to play for us.

So he did, and magnificently. He scored the best try I saw all day, straight from the kick-off, a catch, a punt, and a chase. I must admit I never cross-examined him closely about his qualifications, but was satisfied with his assurance that he had, in his time, drunk in every pub in Somerset.

We won our first match, against the *Plume of Feathers* comfortably enough, but then lost, after leading twice, to the *Victoria*. This is a small pub in Bristol, near the BBC, which I often used to attend, so I had mixed feelings about the result. I was fairly confident about the next match, but the *Adam and Eve* from Hope Chapel Hill were decidedly better, and we did not qualify for the quarter-finals.

The second difficulty, which we had not appreciated, was that the sponsors had offered a free trip to the winners to North Carolina, to compete in their International Sevens this summer, and so the opposition, who had had news of this, was stronger. The tournament was won by the *Black Swan* – or, as it is more commonly know, the Dirty Duck – of Stoke Hill, Bristol. I have had a glass or two there, as well. They had the advantage of Barnes, the England stand-off, who mastered them through the final against last year's winners, *York House* of Gloucester.

No, we were not in that class. But we of High Littleton had a happy day, and intend to improve, and will be seeking entrance again next year.

Alan Gibson

Urgent need for leading club

The most recent Northern Cup final in which Headingley beat Wakefield 7-0 to register their third consecutive victory in the Yorkshire Cup, brings to a close a prodigiously busy period in northern rugby: in the past few weeks Aspatria have won the Cumbrian Cup for the sixth successive year, inviting attention to what, in effect, seems to be a forgotten area (Michael Stevenson writes).

Aspatria beat Penrith 18-9 and their continued run of success underlines the need for the emergence of a first-class club to represent a dynamic rugby area.

FOOTBALL: MARADONA AND PASSARELLA BACK FOR ARGENTINA'S WORLD CUP WARM-UP



Leading figures: Maradona (left) will replace Passarella as Argentina's captain

Exiles bring back skill

Buenos Aires (Reuter) – Argentina, shaken by two successive defeats, hope the return of their leading players Diego Maradona and Daniel Passarella will bolster their confidence in a match against Paraguay here today, part of Argentina's preparations for their World Cup qualifying matches.

The two, returning to the national side for the first time since the 1982 World Cup finals, arrived home from Italy to help the 1978 champions prepare for their 1986 qualifying programme.

Their coach, Carlos Bilardo, said Passarella, Argentina's captain under their former coach, Cesar Menotti, would return to the defence. He had assured Maradona of a place in the team last year as captain of his World Cup team.

Argentina are expecting their "Italian exiles" to provide the team with extra punch after their defeats in away matches against Paraguay and Brazil.

The team, deprived until last month of all players with foreign clubs, had been training with a relatively inexperienced squad until two other World Cup veterans, Ubaldo Fillol and Juan Barbas, joined last month.

Passarella, Argentina's most experienced international with 62 caps and Maradona, who has made 23 appearances, are expected to improve the team's chances of success against their Group One rivals, Venezuela, Peru and Colombia.

Paraguay are in Group Three, with Brazil and Bolivia. In Asuncion, the Paraguayan coach, Cayetano Re, named a full strength team. He said the Brazil-based midfield player, Julio Cesar Romero, who missed the victory over Argentina in Asuncion last month, would be available.

Bilardo did not name the Argentine side, but Garre, the left back, is expected to step aside, with Ruggeri, a recognized central defender, moving on to the flank to make way for Passarella. In attack, Pasculli, once Maradona's partner in attack at Argentinos Juniors, is the man most likely to lose his place to his former colleague.

ARGENTINA (probable): Fillol; Clausen, Brown, Passarella, Ruggeri, Barbas, Ponce, Trobbiani, Garreca, Maradona, Burruchaga.
PARAGUAY: Almeida; Caceres, Delgado, Zabala, Torales, Chilavert, Benitez, Romero, Ferreira, E Villalba, J Villalba.

Kerr pays for thrift

George Kerr's reluctance to spend money on the purchase of players may have cost him his job as manager of Rotherham United. After an official announcement yesterday that the club and manager had agreed to part company at the end of the season, Syd Wood, the Rotherham chairman, said: "We told him there was money available but he said he had got enough talent with the players he had. If we had bought a new striker we could have got promotion and things might have been different."

Rotherham had been in a strong position for much of the season to challenge for a place in the second division but a recent loss of form has seen them slide down the table. Kerr admitted: "The chairman and vice-chairman told me there was cash available, but I refused to spend money they might have difficulty in finding."

Kerr was formerly manager of Lincoln City and Grimsby Town and leaves after two years in charge. He has three years of his contract to run. His family has recently been a target for crowd abuse, but he said: "That has not had any influence. It's the right thing for me to leave and it's right for the club."

Mr Wood said that Rotherham would be looking for a manager with proven ability, rather than one using the club as a stepping stone to the higher divisions.

● George Armstrong, the former Arsenal winger, left his job as manager of Worcester city by mutual agreement yesterday. Armstrong, who also played for Leicester City and Stockport County, left Queen's Park Rangers to take over at Worcester in February but he was unable to save them from relegation from the Gola League to the Southern League.



Kerr: refused to spend

Contract offer for Webb

Neil Webb, the England Under-21 midfield player, has been offered a three-year contract, worth more than £100,000 to stay at Portsmouth, the club's chairman, John Deacon, said yesterday.

Webb, aged 22, has told the club he aims to be playing in the first division next season – with or without Portsmouth. If Portsmouth beat Huddersfield on Saturday and pip Manchester City and Blackburn for the last promotion place, Webb could get his wish with the South Coast club.

Deacon is taking no chances and has already made his offer. He said: "Neil has been a vital member of our team this season and we obviously don't want him to go."

Webb has turned down moves to Sunderland and Queen's Park Rangers.

● Barnsley look certain to lose their record signing, Larry May, at the end of the season. The central defender, who cost £110,000 from Leicester City, has turned down a new contract and wants to return to the first division.

● West Ham United, hit by injuries and fighting against relegation, were told yesterday that their England Under-21 midfield palyer Alan Dickens is out for the rest of the season with a broken bone in his right foot.

Wales stage cup-tie at Arms Park

By Clive White

Wales decided to take the money yesterday by choosing to play their decisive World Cup qualifying game against Scotland on September 11 at Cardiff Arms Park, the home of Welsh Rugby Union. It will be the first football match played there since the beginning of the century.

The announcement came as no surprise to followers of Welsh football. The financial health of the Welsh FA was in a chronic condition before the victory over Scotland last month in Glasgow, and by playing the game at the Arms Park they can be sure of raising more than £250,000 from a guaranteed full house of 62,500. "It was literally life or death", Alun Evans, the secretary, said. "This will secure our future."

But Mike England, the Wales manager, and the players regretted the decision not to play the tie at the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham, where they are unbeaten in World Cup qualifying ties and in the last eight matches played there of any description.

Since the Arms Park is without floodlights, the Group Seven match will kick off no later than 5.30. The choice of such a relatively neutral venue, and the large number of visiting supporters it will permit, drew a loud approval from Glasgow.

Corner's chance

The England Youth squad for the mini-World Cup in France from May 31 to June 7 includes David Corner, who played in the Milk Cup final in one of his first games for Sunderland, and Gary Parker, who impressed for Luton Town in their FA Cup semi-final defeat.

SQUAD: M Allen (QPR), P Atkinson (Sunderland), R Cooke (Tottenham), G Cooper (QPR), D Corner (Sunderland), F Digby (Manchester Utd), K Dublin (Chelsea), N Gibbs (Watford), R Isaac (Chelsea), D Kerslake (QPR), A Llewellyn (Bristol City), D Lowe (Wigan), L Palin (Aston Villa), G Parker (Luton), G Stebbing (Crystal Palace), R Wolstenhaw (Everton), D Williams (Watford). Manager: Dave Sexton.

Mountfield enjoys Goodison party

By Peter Ball

Everton	3
West Ham United	0

The championship may be won, but Everton are in no mood to relax. Two goals from their centre half, Derek Mountfield, testified to their eager pursuit of a new points record as they extended their unbeaten run to 28 matches, distracted neither by the celebrations nor West Ham's search for security.

Before the game, Goodison Park celebrated its own VE day in traditional style. There was dancing – well, a little cavorting anyway, – in the streets and community singing on the terraces as the Canon League championship trophy, the reward for a year of blood, sweat and toil, was presented.

The team took their lap of honour before the game, too, and they were able to enjoy another as they took the lead in the twelfth minute.

Gray had already beaten Parkes in the air, Martin scrambling the ball to safety. Three corners followed before the danger was cleared and Gray met the third in typical fashion to beat Parkes on the near post for his thirteenth goal of the season, 12 scored since the middle of February.

The watching Otto Balic, coach of Rapid Vienna, Everton's opponents in the European Cup winners' Cup final, will be wary of Gray's bravery in the air. He may however have been encouraged by the ease with which West Ham proceeded to penetrate a square defence in the absence of Ratcliffe.

Four times Cottee and Goddard were sent racing in on Southall, who, fortunately for Everton, was in defiant mood, as so often this season.

He blocked the pair's best efforts with acrobatic certainty and responded equally purposefully as Barnes chested Goddard's chip down to Cottee six yards out, smothering the ball as the West Ham forward made contact.

West Ham were to pay for such profligacy as Bracewell, Steven and Sheedy reasserted control of midfield to put them under sustained pressure. Two minutes before the interval they creeked as Atkins returned Van Den Hauwe's cross into the centre where Mountfield headed home simply.

That goal enabled Everton to relax a little. Bracewell and Steven taking the opportunity to display enough skill to quieten the unfounded rumours that their main attributes are workrate and commitment.

But in spite of Gray's supremacy in the air, West Ham refused to yield to him again and 20 minutes from the end Gray took his personal ovation as he left the field to be replaced by Richardson.

West Ham, in the meantime, had less of the play but more clear-cut chances. Southall still remained to be beaten but that, however, seemed to be beyond their capabilities. His best save was once again at Cottee's feet, as Barnes beat Steven cleverly and centred low to the near post. When that did not go in, West Ham must have realized their cause was hopeless.

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, P Van Den Hauwe, I Atkins, D Mountfield, P Reid, T Steven, G Sharp, A Gray, P Bracewell, K Sheedy.
WEST HAM UNITED: P Parkes; R Stewart, P Brush, N Orr, A Martin, A Gale, P Allen, W Bonds, P Goddard, A Cottee, R Barnes.
Referee: A Saunders (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

Yesterday's results

UEFA CUP: Final, first leg: Videoton 0, Real Madrid 3.
FIRST DIVISION: Chelsea 2, Luton Town 0, Everton 3, West Ham 0.
THIRD DIVISION: Bournemouth 1, Millwall 2.
FOURTH DIVISION: Rochdale 0, Stockport County 0.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Semi-finals, North: Bolton Wanderers 1; Mansfield Town 2; Lincoln City 1, Wigan Athletic 3.

Tuesday's results

FIRST DIVISON: Watford 0, West Bromich Albion 2.
SECOND DIVISON: Charlton Athletic 3, Oxford United 3; Grimsby Town 2, Brighton 4.
THIRD DIVISION: Bristol Rovers 3, Gillingham 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First Division: Blackburn 2, Stoke 0; Bradford 1, Manchester United 1; Coventry 3, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Derby 1, Sheffield United 0; Liverpool 1, Manchester City 1; West Bromwich 3, Notts County 2. Second division: Leeds 5, Middlesbrough 0.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea 1, Brighton 0; Portsmouth 0, Norwich 1; Southampton 5, Charlton 2; Swindon 1, Crystal Palace 0; West Ham 0, Ipswich 6.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division cup final, second leg: Tottenham Hotspur 2, Arsenal 1 (5-3 agg).
OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Final: Bicester Town 0, Morris Motors 1.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CHARITY CUP: Final: Hendon 5, Feltham 1.
ENGLAND SCHOOLS UNDER-19 COUNTY CUP: Final: Middlesex 1, Hampshire 0.

● Scottish football's ruling body will present its plans to clean up the game at a specially-convened meeting in Glasgow today. The Scottish FA has invited all 38 club managers and coaches to hear the newest measures in its rigorous campaign to stamp out indiscipline.

TENNIS

Shaw is a mystified loser in the arena of champions

From Sue Mott Forest Hills

Stephen Shaw, Britain's lone representative at the Tournament of Champions here, was overwhelmed by the odds in the first round on Tuesday. The blond British No 2 lost in straight sets, 7-6, 6-4, to the combined assault of fierce winds, a bizarre line call and the aggressive play of the Australian, Peter Doohan. It was not the ideal rehabilitation for a knee injury which Shaw had sustained in Marbella 10 days earlier.

Recently admitted to the world's top 100, at 98th position, Shaw, aged 22, qualified as a champion by winning an Australian satellite tournament at Wodonga last November and the $25,000 Thessalonika competition in September. Such was the calibre of these "champions".

Only 13 of the top 50 men chose to grace the clay surface at this tournament set in the charming, mock-Tudor atmosphere of Forest Hills, once the home of the US Open. As a result, the disparity between the top seeds, McEnroe and Lendl, and the also-rans threatens a few one-sided pastings as the week progresses.

By contrast, the match between Shaw and the 24-year-old from Sydney, who is ranked 92nd, was a model of equal opportunity. The Briton, troubled by swirling winds, passing trains and a lamentable line call in the twelfth game of the first set when he led 6-5, still managed to force his way into a tie-break which he lost 8-6.

"That line call definitely affected me. I completely lost concentration," he said. But at the time he merely watched Doohan's service return fall at least a foot wide and then informed the umpire, who called the ball in: "It's so far out, it's embarrassing."

FIRST ROUND: J McEnroe (US) bt V Van Patten (US), 6-4, 6-0; G Urpi (Sp) bt T Nelson (US), 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; H de la Pena (Arg) bt F Macial (Mex), 6-3, 6-1; C Pereira (Br) bt H Gildemeister (Chile), 6-1, 6-1; T Moor (US) bt W Popp (WG), 7-6, 6-1; J Gurfein (US) bt L Bottazzi (It), 7-6, 6-1; B Gilbert (US) bt P Carlsson (Swe), 6-2, 6-4; M Flur (US) bt G Layendecker (US), 7-6, 6-1; J Hlasek (Switz) bt D Kanitez (HKG), 6-1, 6-2; M Dosch (US) bt I Kley (Br), 6-2, 6-4; A Krickeen (US) bt H A Karaller (Austria), 6-1, 6-1; G Rivas (Arg) bt M Mitchell (US), 7-5, 6-3; V Pecci (Par) bt J Avendano (Sp), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; J Nawrati (Ca) bt C Van Rensburg (SA), 6-4, 7-6; P Doohan (Aus) bt B Shaw (GB), 7-6, 6-4; H Sundstrom (Swe) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-4, 6-2; M Vajda (Cz) bt V Gerulaitis (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; Y Noorn (Pr) bt J Canals (Cz), 6-2, 6-4; D Pate (US) bt F Segarceanu (Rom), 7-5, 2-6, 7-6.

Mair gains confidence

Suzie Mair, the British junior grass court champion, gave her flagging confidence a boost in the LTA spring series hardcourt tennis tournament at Bournemouth yesterday.

The 17-year-old Scot, who has had a disappointing time since winning the junior title last August, swept aside Monica Lundquist, of Sweden, 6-3, 6-1 in 57 minutes to reach the last eight.

Miss Mair went from 3-3 in the first set to win nine of the next 10 games for the victory.

● Hamburg (AFP) – The $150,000 (about £120,000) women's circuit tennis tournament at Hittfeld, scheduled for July 8 to 14, has been called off for the second year running because of lack of sponsors.

Top women to compete

Eight of the world's top 10 women players are competing at the Pilkington Glass Championships, at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, on June 17-22. The pre-Wimbledon grass court tournament, which is a Virginia Slims World Championship Series event, has already been guaranteed an appearance by the world's No 1, Martina Navratilova.

Miss Navratilova, looking for her fifth victory at Eastbourne and her fourth in a row, will have competition from Hana Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia), Ranked third in the world; Manuela Maleeva (Bulgaria), fourth; Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia), fifth; Zina Garrison (United States), sixth; Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (West Germany), seventh; and Wendy Turnbull (Australia), eighth.

Wigan suffer for Wembley triumph

Premiership's road paved with peril

The premiership final between Hull Kingston Rovers and St Helens will take place at Elland Road on Saturday, but only after, to use a metaphor from the maternity ward, excruciating labour pains. Never before has the premiership produced such a punishing schedule, and throughout the game one phrase is common: never again.

Rugby League officials are privately conceding that the council's insistence on a deadline for completion of fixtures, with the final just a week after Wembley, caused crippling problems for players and clubs.

The bitter midwinter weather wiped out so many fixtures that an extension to the season became inevitable. However, because the premiership final date, May 11, was immovable, a trifling extension of only 48 hours was granted from April 21 to 23. The result was that the championship was in danger of becoming a farcical lottery, with top teams playing as many as 10 games in a fortnight and three games in consecutive days to crowds in the fixtures.

Unfit, half-fit and jaded players were pressed into service by harassed coaches, and it was remarkable and providential that ultimately justice was seen to be done, with Hull Kingston Rovers half-sweeping, half-stumbling to a deserved title.

Much ill-feeling was engendered. Words and phrases like "ridiculous" and "ill-conceived" were used by club officials and coaches, when referring to the deadline.

The semi-finals of the premiership should, ideally have been completed before last Saturday's Challenge Cup final at Wembley. However, it would have been ludicrous to ask Wigan to disturb their preparations for the great event. So they played at St Helens on Tuesday and, after their Wembley exertions and celebrations, ran out of steam to lose 37-14.

There were no excuses from the Wigan contingent after the game, and they were still cushioned by the euphoria of Wembley victory. However, the Wigan vice-chairman, Maurice Lindsay, commented: "It is too much to expect, in a hard physical contact game like rugby, top players to produce top performances three times in seven days." Colin Clarke, the Wigan joint coach, said: "We did our best, but asking the lads to lift themselves again so soon after an exhausting Wembley was asking a lot."

In the midst of all this muttering and criticism, the Rugby League hits back with a strong case. David Howes, the public relations officer, told me: "We must have a final end to the season, rather than let it ramble on indefinitely, open-ended. Otherwise we could end up playing the last fixtures in June. In addition, we must consider the needs of those who put a considerable amount of money into the game, the sponsors, Shalom Lager, and BBC Television, who need a fixed date for the final."

Howes said that the answer to the problem was in the hands of the clubs. As an extreme measure they could vote to cut down the number of fixtures or competitions, or opt for three divisions with fewer fixtures.

"One of the big problems is the refusal of clubs to fix matches early in the season, before the freeze-up comes. Because they don't want to play two matches a week in October, they end up playing four in a week in April. If clubs would get their postponed fixtures rearranged quickly, there would be no log-jam at the end of the season.

"We are attempting to do something about it at next month's annual meeting by proposing that clubs must notify the League within a week of a new date for a postponed game, and play the game within a month."

SCORERS: St Helens: Tries: Arkwright, Meninga, Pinner, Ainsworth, Allen, Holding. Goals: Ledger (5). Meninga Dropped goal: Pinner. Wigan: Tries: Stephenson, Phil Ford. Goals: Stephenson (2), Gill.
ST HELENS: P Veivers; K Meadows, S Peters (sub: S Allen), M Meninga, B Ledger, C Arkwright, N Holding; T Burke, (sub: P Forber), G Ainsworth, P Gorley, A Platt, R Haggerty, H Pinner.
WIGAN: P Ford; B Juliff, D Stephenson, S Donlon, H Gill; B Kenny, M Ford; N Courtney, N Kiss, D Campbell, G West (sub: N da Toit); B Burns, I Potter.
Referee: F G Lindop (Wakefield).

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY

Keith Macklin

Hanley scoops honours

Ellery Hanley, Bradford Northern's excitingly unpredictable half back, won the highest individual accolade in the game last night (Keith Macklin writes).

His fellow professionals voted him Man of Steel in a ceremony sponsored by the brewers, Greenall Whitley, at the Salford Variety Centre. The award goes to the person who is judged to have the most impact upon the season.

This year Hanley became the first player to score more than 50 tries in a season since Billy Boston 23 years ago, finishing with 55. He received £2,000 last night to add to £8,000 worth of other prizes awarded to him in recent weeks.

Hanley, 25, was also named the first division player of the year. The coach of the year is Roger Millward, who steered Hull Kingston Rovers to wins in the Slalom Lager championship and John Player Trophy and to this Saturday's premiership final.

The referee of the year is Ronnie Campbell, who controlled last Saturday's Challenge Cup final at Wembley; the second division player of the year is Graham Steadman, of York, and the young player of the year is Lee Crooks, who captained Hull at Wembley.

BOXING

McGuigan wanted

By George Ace

The attraction of Barry McGuigan is so strong that the demand for tickets for his world feather-weight title bout against the holder, Eusebio Pedroza, of Panama City, in London on June 8, has already grossed £500,000, a figure which represents half the possible takings at the gate.

In Belfast yesterday B. J. Eastwood, McGuigan's manager, said: "Yesterday alone in London and Belfast we received cheques and money orders totalling £18,000 for tickets for a fight that is still some 30 days away.

"I anticipate that the Irish invasion of London will not be far short of 10,000 and, of course, Barry has proved to be popular with London audiences. It could well be that we will have to apply to the GLC for permission to admit standing spectators."

McGuigan gets down to the daily grind of full scale training on Monday. "He is carrying a few surplus pounds, but that is part of our strategy," Eastwood says. "It will give his trainer, Eddie Shaw, something extra to work on and we hope to have at least three top American sparring partners in Belfast by the weekend. I want tall fighters because Pedroza is 5ft 10in," and that is proving something of a problem, but I am confident it will be resolved.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 3, Strasbourg 2; Nantes 2, Toulouse 2; Brest 0, Monaco 2; Auxerre 0, Sochaux 0; Toulon 3, Nancy 1; Metz 4, Lens 1; Paris Saint-Germain 0, Laval 1; Lille 1, Marseilles 1; Bastia 0, Racing Club Paris 0; Tours 2, Rouen 0. Leading positions: 1, Bordeaux 56 points; 2, Nantes 50; Monaco 43.
DUTCH: Cup semi-finals: Wageningen 1, Helmond Sport 1; Utrecht 0, PSV Eindhoven 0 League: Ajax Amsterdam 4, Twente Enschede 4; Eagles Deventer 2, Feyenoord Rotterdam 0; Volendam 0, Fortuna Sittard 3; Den Bosch 2, AZ '67 Alkmaar 2; Sparta Rotterdam 2, Groningen 0. Leading positions: 1, Ajax 48; 2, PSV Eindhoven 44; 3, Feyenoord 43.
SWISS LEAGUE: Xamax Neuchatel 4, Young Boys Berne 0; St Gallen 6, Grasshoppers 1; Vevey 1, Winterthur 0; Wettingen 1, Aarau 3; Zug 1, Lucerne 0; Zurich 3, Basle 2; Sion 2, La Chaux-de-Fonds 0; Servette Geneva 3, Lausanne 1. Leading positions: 1, Servette 37; 2, Aarau 31; 3, Neuchatel 30
WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Kaiserslautern 1 Hamburg 1
GRAZ: World Cup: Group Five: Austria 4, Cyprus 0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	5	5	0	0	12	3	10
Austria	6	3	1	2	9	8	7
Netherlands	5	2	1	2	10	5	5
Cyprus	6	0	0	6	3	18	0

Final match: Netherlands v Hungary, May 14.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 1, Swansea 3; Millwall 5, Fulham 0; Southampton 1, Norwich 1.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland Indians 4; Toronto Blue Jays 10, Oakland A's 1; Boston Red Sox 6, California Angels 4; Baltimore Orioles 4, Kansas City Royals 2; Milwaukee Brewers 5, Seattle Mariners 2; Minnesota Twins 8, New York Yankees 5; Detroit Tigers 10, Texas Rangers 1. National League: San Francisco Giants 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; San Diego Padres 12, St Louis Cardinals 2; Chicago Cubs 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; New York Mets 5, Atlanta Braves 3; Cincinnati Reds 2, Philadelphia Phillies 0, Houston Astros 3, Montreal Expos 1.

SNOOKER

ABERTILLERY: BCE Welsh Professional Championship: First round: S Newbury bt W Jones 6-2. Quarter-final: R Reardon bt C Everton 6-2, D Mountjoy bt Newbury 6-5.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League: Stanley Cup: Semi-finals: Philadelphia Flyers 4, Quebec Nordiques 2 (best-of-seven series tied, 1-1); Edmonton Oilers 7, Chicago Black Hawks 3 (Edmonton lead best-of-seven series, 2-0).

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Basketball Association play-offs: Los Angeles Lakers 139, Portland Trial Blazers 120 (Los Angeles win best-of-seven series, 4-1); Denver Nuggets 116, Utah Jazz 104 (Denver win best-of-seven series, 4-1).

CYCLING

PRAGUE: Peace Race 6km prologue: 1, L Piasecki (Pol) 10min 18sec; 2, U Ampler (EG) 10:25; 3, P Ugryumov (USSR) 10:27; 4, U Raab (GDR) 10:32; 5, N Sljakov (Bul) 10:32, 6, J Kashirin (USSR) 10:33.

MONTHEY: Swiss Tour de Romandie: 7mo trial prologue (5.4km): 1, M Argentin (It) 7m 14.42sec; 2, A da Silva (Port) 8:16.15; 3, J Mueller (Switz) 8:16.60; 4, M Lejarreta (Sp) 8.19.57; 5, Gavillet (Switz) 8:20.79; 6, J van der Velde (Neth) 8:21.41; 7, R Visentini (It) 8:22.11; 8, S Roche (Ire) 8:22.22
TRENTO: Trentino tour (203k): 1, A Maier (Austria) 5.26:13; 2, S Contini (It) same time; 3, Zadrobilek (Austria) same time; 4, E Salvador (It) at 7sec; 5, F Moser (It) at 12sec; 6, A Vand (It) at 17sec.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS: (*denotes home team): Bishop's Stortford 185; *Ipswich 186-4. Cambridge University Crusaders 151; *Bedford 152-4. *Colle's 187-1 dec (C Spencer 102 no); Chigwell 144-2. Leicestershire Gentlemen 157, *Repton 132-7. Northants Amateurs 225-5 dec, *Oundle 170-5 (P Massey 100 no). *Rugby 152-7 dec; Rugby CC 154-0 (D Snooks 111 no). *Westminster 70; Bradfield 72-2. Worth 223-4 dec; *Hurstpierpoint 156-6.

TENNIS

BOURNEMOUTH: LTA Spring Circuit Tournament: Mens: First round: M Walker bt N Fulwood 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; P Moraing (WG) bt M Baroch (Aust) 6-2, 6-0; M Gratzmann (Aust) bt L Morris (US) 6-1, 6-2; S Yovi (Aust) bt M Blanchet 7-5, 6-3; J Turner bt P Hughesman 7-6, 2-6, 6-4; P Johnston (Aust) bt I Curry 6-2, 6-1; L Alfred bt J Boakes 6-3, 6-3; D Felgate bt R Drysdale 7-6 7-6; M Bellini (It) bt Walker 7-6, 7-5. M Kratzmann (Austria) bt P Moraing (Austria) 6-0, 6-1.
Women: First round: H Olsson (Swe) br H Nakazaka (Japan) 6-1, 6-2; J Louis bt D Parnell 6-3, 6-2; B Romano (It) bt N Ballet (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; A Karlsson (Swe) bt B Borneo (Bel) 6-1, 6-2. Second round: S Mair bt M Lundquist (Swe) 6-3, 6-1; A Danila (Rom) bt C wood 7-5, 6-3; E Reinach (SA) bt L Gracie, 6-0, 6-4; S Sullivan bt K Karlsson (Swe) 7-6, 6-2; A K Olsson (Swe) bt M Mendez (Arg) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; D van Rensburg (SA) bt L Pennington 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; J Louis bt H Olsson (Swe) 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; B Romano (It) bt A Karlsson (Swe) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.
BARCELONA: Women's tournament: First round: L Pichova (Cz) bt A Almansa (Sp) 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; A Holton (US) bt M Nessler (Neth) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; P Keppeler (WG) bt E Pfaff (WG) 7-5, 6-2; M Skuherska (Cz) bt P Madrano (Br) 3-6, 6-1, 7-6; A Holikova (Cz) bt I Brzakova (Cz) 6-0, 6-4; I Demongeot (Fr) bt J Golder (US) 6-2, 6-4; R Marsikova (Cz) bt L Arraya (Peru) 7-6, 6-2; K Skonska (Cz) bt E Raponi-Longo (Arg) 6-2, 7-6.
KOBE: International tournament, quarter-finals: E Tellscher (US) bt E Krotta (US) 6-7, 6-3, 6-1. Women: B Gadusek (US) bt G Sabatini (Arg) 6-4, 6-3.
MUNICH: Grand Prix tournament: First round: E Sanchez (Sp) bt P Elter (WG) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; L Pimek (Cz) bt P Vojtisek (Cz) 6-1, 6-1; H Schwaier (WG) bt J Soares (Braz) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; J-L Clerc (Arg) bt J Frawley (Aust) 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; M Mercir (Cz) bt M Westphal (WG) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; P Slozil (Cz) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe) 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; J Nystrom (Swe) bt S Simonsson (Swe) 6-2, 6-3.
PALM BEACH GARDENS: WTA earnings US unless stated: 1, M Navratilova $686,687 (about £574,000) 2, C Lloyd $375,687; 3, H Mandlikova $263,087; 4, H Sukova $194,575; 5, Z Garrison $120,575; 6, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) $119,975; 7, C Bassett (Can) $99,000; 8, K Jordan $96,575; 9, C Lindqvist (Swe) $96,275; 10, P Shriver $91,500. British placing: 44, J Dane.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER PREMIERSHIP: Semi-final: St Helens 37, Wigan 14.

Derby Day

Manchester United and Manchester City will meet in their first derby match for two and-a-half years at Maine Road two days after United's FA Cup final with Everton. The occasion is a testimonial game for the City captain, Paul Power, and will take place on Monday, May 20 if there is no replay in the final.

HOCKEY: The England women's team will play seven international matches on their nine-game tour of New Zealand and Australia from August 30 to September 22. Five of the matches will be against Australia and two against New Zealand.

IN BRIEF

Rees and Spurrell join forces

Roger Spurrell and Clive Rees, the respective captains of Bath and London Welsh in the John Player Cup final, team up this weekend for the Heineken international seven-a-side tournament in Amsterdam (Tim Glover writes). They are appearing as guests for University College Hospital, London, who also include Mark Douglas, John Palmer and Terry Kennedy, the former Ireland wing who won 13 caps between 1978 and 1981.

Rees, who missed the Middlesex sevens last Saturday, is to have a knee operation in the summer and he admitted: "I won't be firing on all cylinders in Amsterdam, but I will be fit enough."

TENNIS: Sara Gomer, of Britain, was beaten 6-2, 6-0 by Barbara Potter of the United States in the second round of the Australian women's indoor championships in Sydney yesterday.

CYCLING: The Tour of Tuscany race, scheduled for Saturday, has been called off because of local elections the following day, the Florence Sports Club announced yesterday.

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RACING

Vertige boasts outstanding credentials in Dee Stakes

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The finger of form points to Vertige winning the Dee Stakes at Chester today. At Ascot eight days ago, Daniel Wildenstein's colt made all the running to win the White Rose Stakes over 10 furlongs, a distance only slightly shorter than today's race.

He had Soldat Bleu four lengths behind in third place on that occasion and they renew rivalry on the same terms. Earlier in the season Vertige finished a creditable fourth under 9st 11lb in the Gerry Feilden Stakes at Newmarket.

With the third horse, Slip Anchor, winning the Heathorn Stakes a fortnight later, and the winner, Les Arcs, now deemed good enough to take his chance in the Mecca-Dante Stakes at York next week, that too was a sound performance.

Henry Cecil will also be represented by That's Your Lot but, although he is unbeaten in three races, his form is not as solid as that of Vertige. Barry Hills is another trainer who will be two-handed. Middlesex, ridden by his son, Michael, was one of those who suffered in that controversial finish to the Blue Riband Stakes at Epsom which resulted in Lord Grundy being disqualified and Walter Swinburn being suspended.

Infantry, the mount of Brent Thomson, was beaten five lengths by Fire of Life in a maiden race at Newmarket. The better maiden form is sported by the Irish challenger, Slane Castle, who was runner-up to Leading Counsel, one of Vincent O'Brien's possible Derby contenders, at Phoenix Park last month.

A year ago, the Ormonde Stakes was won by the Derby-winner, Teenoso. Today there are two rather less distinguished classic winners in the field: Rough Pearl, who won the Italian St Leger last year, and the Dutch Triple Crown winner, Civano.

Rough Pearl was clearly in need of a race when he finished unplaced in the Westbury Stakes at Sandown over a distance well short of his best. He will be much sharper today and hard to beat since his form with Spicy Story, who looked so unlucky not to win the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot, is entirely presentable.

Wagoner, who has won around Chester, will go well if he runs as well as he did in the John Porter Stakes at Newbury, where he finished a couple of lengths in front of Abu Kadra. Corinth has two lengths to make up on the Great Metropolitan Stakes winner, Rostova, and 9lb to help him.

A good run by either of them in this company will simply underline the chance that the course and distance winner, Trapeze Artist, has of winning the Eaton Handicap, even with the Newmarket winner, Clanrallier, in opposition and receiving a stone. Trapeze Artist would have finished much closer to Rostova and Corinth at Epsom had he not been hampered when Percase broke a leg and nearly fell in front of him.

Lap of Honour, so promising on her seasonal debut at Newmarket, when she finished third behind Braddells and Andi Alja, can reverse the placings with the latter on 2lb better terms in the Ladbroke Hotels Handicap.

My idea of the day's best bet, though, is at Salisbury, where Indian Hal, with Pat Eddery in the saddle, is napped to win the Dorset Handicap over a mile. Eddery was on Indian Hal at Epsom, where they finished like a rocket at the end of seven furlongs to take third place behind Gilderdale and Star Formation. With another furlong to travel today, he should be able to beat Star Formation this time.



Flying finish: Morgan's Choice gets up to beat Trade Line, Accuracy (No. 15) and Trickshot in the Chester Cup.

Carson at his very best on gallant Morgan's Choice

By Michael Seely

Both Willie Carson and Morgan's choice gave inspired performances to win the Ladbroke Chester cup at a sun-drenched Roodeye yesterday. "I've known more room inside a sardine tin," the 42-year-old Scot said after driving the gallant Devon-trained eight-year-old home by a neck from Trade Line.

Morgan's Choice, beaten a short head in this race a year ago, would have been a desperately unlucky loser after the field had bunched together and jostled for position in an action-packed final five furlongs. The first trouble occurred when the pair were knocked back and hampered after rounding the bend passing the stand.

As the field swung into the short home straight, Gay Kelleway had taken up the running on Asir, pressed by Trade Line, Trickshot and Down Flight.

Just inside the last furlong, Carson switched Morgan's Choice to the outside. Making up about four lengths inside the last 150 yards, Morgan's Choice sprinted past Trade Line a few yards from the winning post. Accuracy, who had encountered almost as many problems in running as the winner, came home strongly to finish another neck away in third place.

At one time the only place I had to go to was through the fence," the triumphant five-times champion said. "The horse had to go through the eye of a needle. I gave him a couple of cracks a furlong and a half out to get him going and when he saw daylight he flew. It's the horse who deserves the real credit – he's so incredibly game."

Carson has now ridden Morgan's Choice to nine of his 14 victories for John Hill, a farmer and wholesale meat dealer from Barnstaple. These victories include the Ascot Stakes, the Halifax Stakes (twice) and the Goodwood Stakes.

"He's had all the troubles that are going in the past," the trainer said. "He's broken a pedle bone and a splint bone. We run him in bandages because he's inclined to strike into himself when he's pulling up. Then Willie always comes back and complains that the horse has gone lame. But he's only fooling and is all right again in a few days." The Ascot Stakes and the Northumberland Plate are the next items on the winner's agenda.

Carson was strongly fancied to complete a double on Silko in the Sefton Maiden Fillies' Stakes but Sir Michael Sobell's filly was decisively outpointed by Soprano. And what could possibly have been more appropriate on the anniversary of VE Day than that an American jockey, Steve Cauthen, should have romped home on the favourite, wearing the Queen's colours. "Soprano did that well and will now go to Ascot for the Fern Hill Stakes". Ian Balding, the winning trainer, said.

The champion jockey had initiated a double half an hour earlier when riding Helenetta to a comfortable victory over River Spey in the Cheshire Oaks. "I tried to get Pat Eddery and Lester Piggott", Geoff Wragg, the winning trainer, said. "When Lester opted for the Irish filly I was lucky enough to get Steve. Helenetta is a long-striding filly and would not be suited by Epsom so I'll probably send her to Ascot for the Ribblesdale Stakes."

The afternoon had started on a high note for favourite backers when Joe Mercer drove Luqman to a neck victory over Eastern Chief in the Philip Cornes Nickle Alloy Stakes. This win gave Peter Walwyn his first two-year-old winner from his only runner.

"She ran a bit green", the trainer said. "But she'll improve and will probably win again." Walwyn then said that Khozaam, who disappointed at Epsom, would now go to Lingfield on Saturday for the Derby Trial. "He worked well after racing at Kempton and deserves another chance to prove himself", Walwyn said.

Three-week suspension for Rogers

Trevor Rogers was yesterday suspended for 21 days by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee for reckless riding. The suspension begins today and runs until May 29. The case was referred to the Jockey Club by Nottingham stewards, who found that the 39-year-old freelance had caused the falls of two horses.

Rogers finished second on Tycador, six lengths behind Tanaroon in the Bagthorpe Selling Stakes on April 30. Two furlongs out Bonny Reef, ridden by Gay Kelleway, fell and brought down Royalty Fair, ridden by Stuart Webster. Both jockeys were unhurt. The stewards found that Tycador had hampered Bonny Reef, disqualified the colt and placed him last.

Rogers, formerly with Tom Jones and Jocelyn Reavey, has ridden more than 150 winners in a career spanning 20 years. He has also enjoyed success abroad, particularly in India, where he was champion jockey in the 1971-72 season.

This is only his second suspension. In 1980 he was stood down for six days for careless and improper riding at Doncaster.

This is the second time in a week that a jockey has been banned for 21 days for reckless riding. Walter Swinburn is currently serving a suspension which lasts until May 22.

SALISBURY

Going: firm
Draw advantage: 5f-7f high numbers best

2.0 DORSET HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,417: 1m) (12 runners)

1	32231-6	PRINCE HAB (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 9-7	R Fox	3
3	6130-32	STAR FORMATION (Sheikh Mohammed) J Clechanowski 9-4	A Lequeux	9
4	12300-0	CURTAIN BLUFF (P Mellor) I Balding 9-2	J Matthias	4
5	60-20	SITTING BULL (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-1	S Bridle 7	7
7	000-040	THE UPSTART (Bison Club) K Brassey 8-13	S Whitworth 3	10
9	6044-22	EMPTY CHEST (N Al-Sayer) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-10	G Duffield	2
10	040308	GRUMBLE (N Crellield) R Hannon 8-9	G Starkey	12
12	000-	TRACKERS JEWEL (A Goode) J Dunlop 8-8	R Rouse	1
13	234-3	INDIAN HAL (Mrs R Masera) P Walwyn 8-3	Pat Eddery	5
15	420000-	BRONZE EFFIGY (Mrs R Henriques) R Hannon 8-6	A McGlone	6
18	0000-00	ONE WAY TICKET (Brinsmile Shipping) A Pitt 8-0	M L Thomas	8
24	000-3	TRICKALA STAR (D Sparkes) R Voorspuy 7-7	D Brown 7	11

1984: Promised Isle 8-8 S Rouse (8-11 fav) J Dunlop 11 ran

11-4 Indian Hal, 100-30 Star Formation, 4 Empty Chest, 11-2 Prince Hab, 8 Curtain Bluff, 10 Bronze Effigy, Trickala Star, 16 Others.

2.30 STOCKBRIDGE HANDICAP (£2,796: 7f) (10)

1	100020-	GAMBLERS DREAM (D Wilson) D A Wilson 8-9-10	S Rouse	2
5	0000-00	MENDEA (C Nimmo) A Jarvis 8-8-11	Pat Eddery	4
6	00300-0	DERRY RIVER (Mrs N Duffield) L Cottrell 4-8-10	J Williams	5
7	300204-	ANYTHING ELSE (D) (G Darby) J C Fox 4-8-10	R Cochrane	6
8	4/000-00	GOLDEN FLAME (D) (V Adams) R Simpson 4-8-6	K Radcliffe 7	10
9	310-000	VIRGIN ISLE (D) (T Ellis) P Haslam 4-8-5	T Williams 3	7
10	00100-0	SALALA (D) (O Zaoweli) B Hanbury 4-8-3	G Duffield	8
11	11000-0	CABCABEL (D) (E Johnson) R J Williams 4-8-3	M Keltie	3
15	300-040	PERANG'S NIECE (Lord Crawshaw) K Brassey 4-8-0	S Whitworth 3	1
20	440000-	DISCOVER GOLD (P Grantham) M Blanshard 4-7-8	N Adams 5	9

1984: Remorseless 4-8-10 G Baxter (4-1 fav) J Clechanowski 11 ran

4 Salala, 9-2 Anything Else, 5 Virgin Isle, Gamblers Dream, 6 Perangs Niece, 8 Menna, 10 Discover Gold, 16 Others.

Salisbury selections

By Mandarin

2.0 INDIAN HAL (nap). 2.30 Salala. 3.0 Curiga. 3.30 Betty Ann. 4.0 Vienna Belle. 4.30 Kurosawa.

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2.0 Empty Chest. 2.30 Virginia Isle. 3.30 Hard As Iron. 4.0 Assaglawi. 4.30 Kurosawa.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.0 Indian Hal.

3.0 REDENHAM MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £1,249: 5f) (13)

1		AVALON LASS (J Lazzari) R Hannon 8-11	R Wernham	9
2	0	BLUSH ROSE (R O'Ferrall) R Smyth 8-11	G Starkey	11
3		BOXERS SHUKEE (S Maktoum) J Bradley 8-11	R Fox	3
4	0	CENTRALSPRES BEST (J Upson) A Jarvis 8-11	J Matthias	10
5		CHABENKA (Mrs B Ward) A Jarvis 8-11	–	1
6		CRESTA LEAP (Li Cot E Harnes) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	2
7		CURIGA (Lord H de Walden) P Walwyn 8-11	Pat Eddery	6
8	8	FASTWAY FLYER (N Gurney) B Stevens 8-11	D McKay	12
10		HARMONY HEIGHTS (I Lofus) D Elsworth 8-11	S Rouse	13
13		NATIVE ROOTS (A Richards) D Hanley 8-11	M L Thomas	7
14	02	RAPID RHYTHM (Mrs R Gresham) M McCormack 8-11	R Cochrane	4
15		SILVER FORM (Mrs R Newton) W Wightman 8-11	T Quinn	8
16		SMOOCH (A Oppenheimer) K Brassey 8-11	S Whitworth 3	5

1984: Tana Miss 8-11 Paul Eddery (9-2) R Voorspuy 8 ran.

2 Rapid Rhythm, 11-4 Curiga, 4 Centralspres Best, 7 Cresta Leap, 8 Smooch, Harmony Heights, 12 Blush Rose, 16 Others.

3.30 EDDIE REAVEY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-y-o: £1,042: 5f) (15)

1		BETTER THAN MOST (R Shannon) R Hannon 9-5	L Jones 7	6
3	03	BETTY ANN (Mrs B Ward) A Jarvis 9-2	Pat Eddery	15
4	000	MISS VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popovich) C Horgan 9-2	A Clark	14
5		STILLOU (Miss L Demetriou) P Mitchell 9-2	A McGlone	2
10	400	DIAMOND SKY (C Wildman) C Wildman 8-4	G Duffield	12
11	000	GOLDEN HANDCUFF (S A Scott) J Bridger 8-4	–	11
12		HARD AS IRON (P Haslam) P Haslam 8-4	T Williams 3	7
14	0	JULTOWN LAD (S Birkett) H Beasley 8-4	D McKay	3
15		MAGUS (E Perry) C James 8-4	R Fox	5
16		NORA'S BOY (J Parsons) S Woodman 8-4	R Hills	8
17	0	PRICK (W Wightman) W Wightman 8-4	T Quinn	4
19		ARRANMORE GIRL (R Watts) G Fletcher 8-1	A Bond	13
20	0	SY CHANCE (R Boggs) C Wildman 8-1	–	1
23		L'ETOILE DU PALAIS (P Taylor) Peter Taylor 8-1	S Whitworth 3	10
25	3	MUSICAL AID (G Blum) G Blum 8-1	M L Thomas	9

1984: Jackie Blair 7-10 T Williams (8-4 fav) P Haynes 13 ran

9-4 Betty Ann, 11-4 Musical Aid, 7-2 Hard As Iron, 11-2 Better Than Most, 8 Miss Venezuela, 10 Stillou, 14 Others.

4.0 WINCANTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,938: 1m 2f) (18)

1	0000-0	ALOHA RIVA (W Gatt) D Laing 9-0	M Malham	8
3	0-	ASSAGLAWI (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	A Murray	3
15	00-	DANEDANCER (K O Cunningham-Brown) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0	A McGlone	16
16	000-00	EASTERN MARINER (Maffo Racing Ltd) D Laing 9-0	G Duffield	14
18	0	GRAND CASINO (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-0	R Hills	1
24	0-0	LANNUBER (P Brant) J Dunlop 9-0	B Rouse	10
25	04000-0	LUCKY PIN (A Richards) D Hanley 9-0	A Lequeux	5
30	0-	SHERPAMAN (B) (J Warren) K Brassey 9-0	S Whitworth 3	4
32	0	STATELY FORM (S Niarchos) J Tree 9-0	S Raymont	18
33	00-	SWIFT ASCENT (D Thomas) G Balding 9-0	J Williams	9
34	00-0	VELOS (Lady Harrison) B Hills 9-0	R Fox	11
35	00224-	WIDE BOY (Lord Derchester) I Balding 9-0	J Matthias	2
37	p000-	YOUNGSTER (L Sainer) P Walwyn 9-0	N Howe	15
39	0-	CHIVWAIN (Chivwain Bloodstock) J Fox 8-11	R Cochrane	6
40	00000-	COURT JEWEL (W Mann) A Pitt 8-11	A Clark	7
42		ROSE ROCKET (Mrs S Massicou) P Haslam 8-11	G Saxton	12
44	32-0	VIENNA BELLE (Mrs R Ritterberry) J Dunlop 8-11	Pat Eddery	17
45		WHISTLEY MAID (G Whating) D Laing 8-11	S Dorham 7	13

1984: (Div I): Sergeant Drummer 9-0 B Rouse (7-4 js-fav) G Harwood 18 ran
(Div II): Torpical Way 9-0 J Mercer (7-2 js-fav) P Walwyn 15 ran

11-4 Vienna Belle, 4 Velos, 5 Wide Boy, 6 Lannuber, 8 Assaglawi, 10 Youngster, 14 Others.

4.30 CITY BOWL HANDICAP (£2,616: 1m 6f) (8)

1	0/21431-	BROADLEAF (D) (A Richards) D Hanley 4-9-10	S Whsworth 3	4
2	063142-	MAINTOP (C) (M Wyatt) M Smyly 8-9-8	A Murray	5
3	1/003200	SNEAK PREVIEW (H Gross) H Candy 5-8-11	J Matthias	7
5	02000-3	KUROSAWA (B) (E St George) R Sheather 5-8-10	Pat Eddery	2
6	0004-34	SOCKS UP (R Houghton) R Houghton 8-8-9	D Price 5	1
7	3300-24	BOCODA LAD (E Hill) C Benstead 4-8-9	B Rouse	6
9	0023-03	COLLISTO (Mrs S Aldridge) K Brassey 4-8-2	T Williams 3	8
12	30000-2	FOREWARN (Rat Records) R Akehurst 4-7-10	C Rutter 5	3

1984: Fitzpatrick 5-9-5 J Mercer (9-2 js-fav) P Walwyn 11 ran

11-4 Kurosawa, 4 Collisto, 9-2 Forewarn, 6 Broadleaf, 7 Maintop, 10 Socks Up, 12 Bocoda Lad, 14 Sneak Preview.

Course specialists

CHESTER

TRAINERS: H Cecil: 7 winners from 17 runners, 41.2%; G Pritchard-Gordon, 6 from 22, 27.3%; M Stoute, 6 from 25, 24.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 13 winners from 50 rides, 26.0%; J Reid, 11 from 54,20.4%; J Mercer, 7 from 35, 20.0%.

SALISBURY

TRAINERS: M Smyly, 11 winners from 58 runners, 19.0%; H Thomson Jones, 9 from 52, 17.3%; J Tree, 11 from 88, 16.2%.

JOCKEYS: G Starkey, 41 winners from 175 rides, 23.4%; T Quinn, 6 from 40, 15.0%; Pat Eddery, 21 from 154, 13.6%.

SEDGEFIELD

GOING: good to firm

5.45 FISHBURN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£429: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

4	0h0	Measure Up 11-8	A J Gavrin
5	pp0	Cove Hill (D) 11-7	M Mulligan
6	hp0	Darkline 11-4	G Dilpack
7	000	Noble Legend 11-3	– R Balfour

Evens Cardsue, 2 Measure Up, 5 Cove Hill, 8 Noble Legend.

6.15 STANLEY THOMPSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£852: 3m 600yd) (7)

1	f02	Good To See You 7-12-0	D Wilkinson
6	022	Always Liagan 9-11-8	P A Charlton
7	p0l0	Juke Box Jimmy 8-10-12	M Brennan
8	330	Wassey 8-10-12	Mr P J Dun
13	2p/1	Lads Roadster 8-10-0	Mr A Wright
14	000	Beau Lyon 7-10-0	C Grant
15	000	Step Ashore 6-10-0	–

7-4 Always Lagan, 5-2 Good To See You, 5 Wassey, 8 Juke Box Jimmy, 10 Beau Lyon, 14 Step Ashore

6.45 FERGUSON FOSTER NOVICES CHASE (£920: 2m) (8)

1	n11	Back In Action 8-11-11	D Cundell 7
2	0l4	Calisk 8-11-4	J D Doyle 4
3	0bb	Inspasy 8-11-4	C Fairhurst
5	000	Night Pearl 8-11-4	P Tuck
6	0p0	Sweet Stresss 6-11-4	Mr P J Dun
7	00b	Bright Ivy 6-10-13	–
8	3p4	Mandeitta (B) 9-10-13	A Stringer
9	23l	Bangtar's Walk 5-11-4	C Grant

2 Back In Action, 3 Burglar's Walk, 5 Calisk, 8 Bright Ivy, 9 Night Pearl, 10 Mandeitta.

7.15 SOLMERE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,292: 3m 600yd) (9)

1	0lr	Wishing Brief (B) 10-12-7	Mr A Gidney 7
2	43	Succeeded 8-12-5	Mr P J Dun
4	9-08	Lankee 10-12-1	D Dutton
6	28u	Strawhill 10-12-1	K Doolamm 4
7	044	Arthurs Belle 9-11-11	Mr A Wright
8	u22	Welfare 7-11-6	P Tuck
11	p00	Sweet Surprise 8-10-13	B Storey
12	303	Tar Knight 9-10-7	P Barton
14	4h6	Vinny Ridge 13-10-0	D'Gorman 7

9-4 Welare, 3 Succeeded, 4 Winning Brief, 6 Arthurs Belle, 8 Vinny Ridge, 10 Strawhill.

7.45 A I HANDICAP CHASE (£1,422: 2m 4f) (6)

2	1l8	Honourate 6-11-7	J J O Neill
4	10u	Redwester 9-11-5	P Tuck
5	243	Jimmy Dibbs 8-10-13	NON—RUNNER
7	041	Paka Lolo 8-10-2 (Sex)	–
9	f-p0	Clarissas Daughter 7-10-0	B Storey
10	0lp	Carouser 8-10-0	R Balfour

15-8 Honourate, 9-4 Rejuvenator, 3-2 Paka Lolo, 5 Carouser, 8 Clarons Daughter.

8.15 SEEDLING NOVICES HURDLE (£715: 2m 4f) (16)

4	3l0	Little Harry (B) 8-11-5	G Bradley
5	2p4	Black Combe 7-11-5	J J O Neill
7	1Z8	Cleadon Star 6-11-0	Mr T Reed 4
9	000	Frosty Touch 7-11-0	B Storey
13	000	Gawain Rouse 6-11-0	Mr P J Dun
11	00r	New Kingsmere 6-11-0	J Mooney
12	p00	Royal Merlin 6-11-0	A Stringer
14	0/	Ultrasonic 8-11-0	T G Davies
15		Undertaking 7-11-0	Mr A Gidney 7
16	0p	Dawns Mandate 5-10-9	S Dalrack 7
17	00p	Kings Joy 5-10-9	R Earnshaw
19	4-66	Virago Lady 6-10-9	Mr G Harker 4
20	02l	Billflow 4-10-8	C Grant
21	3l0	Dancesse 4-10-8	Mr M Thompson 7
22	0l83	Simady 4-10-8	R D'Leary
23	0l0	Worling-Pearl 4-10-8	P Tuck

3 Black Combe, 7-2 Billflow, 4 Cleodoe Star, 6 Simady, 8 Worling-Pearl, 10 Little Harry.

SEDGEFIELD SELECTIONS: (by Mandarin) 5.45 Carouser. 6.15 Louis Roederer. 6.45 Back In Action. 7.15 Succeeded. 7.45 Rejuvenate. 8.15 Little Harry.

CHESTER

BBC

(Televised (BBC1): 2.15, 2.45, 3.15 (BBC2) 3.45)

Going: good
Draw advantage: 5f-7f 122yd, low numbers best

2.15 E B F SCEPTRE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £3,100: 5f) (7 runners)

101	0	BRIDESMAID (B Bonnycastle) B Hills 8-11	B Thomson	5
104		CLOUDLESS SKY (P Richard) P Rohan 8-11	J Piggott	4
108	4	LIBERTON BRAE (P Innes) J Bethell 8-11	W Carson	1
109	2	PALACE VIEW (D Gallagher) N Tinkler 8-11	T Ives	2
110	6	POPLAR (Mrs M Morley) T Fairhurst 8-11	S Webster	7
111		TRICKY (M Jarvis) P Rohan 8-11	M Birch	3
113	x	WINDING PATH (N Hotchkiss) R Hollinshead 8-11	M Ryan	6

1984: Mavarita 8-11 M Birch (4-1) B Rohan 8 ran.

13-8 Cloudless Sky, 5-2 Bridesmaid, 3-1 Palace View, 11-2 Liberton Brae, 14 Tricky, 16 others.

FORM: BRIDESMAID (8-11) showed speed for 3f when 8.7th of 11 to Black Sophie (8-11) at Newbury (7f, £2,007, good Apr 20). LIBERTON BRAE (8-11) 11st (4th of 10 to Cheveley Boy (8-11) at Sandown (5f, £2,552, good, apr 26). PALACE VIEW (8-11) 4l 2nd of 18 to Vitesch (8-0) at Thirsk (5f, £2,882, good to soft, Apr 18). POPLAR (8-5) 14th of 18 to Princess Pamela (8-5) at Catterick (5f, £615, good to firm, May 1). WINDING PATH (8-8) was still in with every chance when saddle slipped and unseated rider final furlong.
Selection: LIBERTON BRAE.

Chester selections

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2.15 Cloudless Sky. 2.45 Rough Pearl. 3.15 Lap Of Honour. 3.45 Vertige. 4.15 Lochtillum. 4.45 Trapeze Artist.

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2.45 Rostova. 3.15 Lap Of Honour. 3.45 Vertige. 4.45 Alpha Omega.

By Michael Seely

2.15 CLOUDLESS SKY (nap). 2.45 Clanrallier.

2.45 ORMONDE STAKES (Group III: £18,075: 1m 5f 88yd) (9)

201	11010-6	ROUGH PEARL (G Shaw) G Lanta 4-9-4	P Waldron	1
202	0313-02	WAGONER (C) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 5-9-0	J Mercer	4
203	1001-00	ABU KADRA (M Salem) M Stoute 4-8-10	L Piggott	9
204	111-	CIVANO (W Nuy) M Ryan 4-8-10	P Robinson	6
205	11/0-43	CORINTH (G Strawbridge) I Balding 4-8-10	P Cook	7
207	3100-00	PRIME ASSETT (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 4-8-10	T Ives	8
209	300-000	SEISMIC WAVE (R Sangster) B Hills 4-8-10	B Thomson	5
211	11203-1	ROSTOVA (W Gredley) G Brtain 4-8-7	S Cauthen	3
212	1120-2	RYNECHRA (Sir O Wills) B Hobbs 4-8-7	G Baxter	2

1984: Taenoso 4-9-4 Pat Eddery (11-8 fav) G Wragg 5 ran.

100-30 Corinth, 4 Rostova, 11-2 Abu Kadra, 8 Seismic Wave, 10 Rough Pearl, Rynechra, Wagoner, 12 Prime Assett, Civano.

FORM: WAGONER (8-11 tasdeirai 2f when 7th of 11 to Longboat (8-8) at Ascot (2m, £16,171, good, May 1); PRIME ASSETT (8-8), always behind, finished 8th. Previously, WAGONER (8-11) 5l 4th of 14 to Jupiter Island (8-8) at Newbury (1m 4f, £18,980, good Apr 20) with Abu Kadra (8-6) 2l further back in 6th. SEISMIC WAVE (8-8) 7.¼l 5th to Elegant air (8-8) at Sandown (1m 2f, £18,000, good, Apr 27, 13 ran) with ROUGH PEARL (8-1) 11lb, ROSTOVA (9-2) had CORINTH (10-0) 2l back in 3rd when winning at Epsom (1m 4f, £4,051, good, Apr 24, 14 ran). RYNECHRA (8-8) 3l 2nd of 19 to RHUSTED (9-1) in Newmarket h'cap (1m 8f, £3,804, good, Apr 16).
Selection: SEISMIC WAVE.

3.15 LADBROKE HOTELS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,902: 7f) (8)

301	102-3	LAP OF HONOUR (T Blackwell) B Hobbs 9-7	G Baxter	1
303	1043-33	FAIRWAYS GIRL (D) (BF) (T Wilson) M W Easterby 8-6	M Birch	2
304	314-5	WOODLAND PINES (R Sangster) B Hills 8-4	B Thomson	4
306	140-028	ANDI ALJA (D) (Mrs R Wetton) P Mitchell 8-3	T Ives	8
307	00-0003	HOSBOURNE'S ROSE (G A Ferndon) R Houghton 7-11	K Darley	5
308	013005	HOT GIRL (D) (Lt Lavarkulme) R Houghton 7-11	J Lowe	3
309	00230-0	WAPPY SPRINGS (B) (Wappy Springs Ltd) S Norton 7-7	A Mackay	7
310	0034-00	NAIRS GIRL (D Brereton) A W Jones 7-7	–	6

1984: Electrilyng 7-8 J Lowe (5-1) P Calver 12 ran.

11-10 Lap Of Honour, 7-2 Woodland Pines, 5 Fairways Girl, 8 Andi Alja, 12 Hot Girl, 16 others.

FORM: FAIRWAYS GIRL 6l 3rd (9-3) to Kellytalk (8-7) on Tuesday; previously (8-5) 7l 3rd of 10 to Chapel Cottage (8-11) at Thirsk (6f, £7,535, good, Apr 20). WOODLAND PINES (8-11) 5th, beaten 6¾l to Tyrolle (8-6) ay Newbury (5f, £2,807, good, Apr 19, 10 ran). ANDI ALJA 6¾l 6th (7-13) to Prince Lyph (8-8) last time: previously (7-12) 7.½l 2nd of 15 to Braddells (8-10) at Newmarket (7f, £4,103, good, Apr 16) with LAP OF HONOUR (8-4) 1.½l back in 3rd. HOBOURNE'S ROSE (8-6) stayed on well when 3l 3rd to Ho Mi Chink (8-12) at Pontefract (6l, £2,729, good, Apr 25, 16 ran). HOT GIRL never near to challenge final start: earlier (8-11) had WAPPY SPRINGS (9-0) 9.½l adrift on 5th when Chester winner (5f, £1,885, good to firm, May 9, 8 ran).
Selection: ANDI ALJA.

3.45 DEE STAKES (3-y-o: Group III: £17,730: 1m 2f 85yd) (7)

405	3134-2	MIDDLESEX (C) (R Anderson) B Hills 9-12	M Hills	7
406	4123-3	SOLDAT BLEU (BF) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-12	L Piggott	6
407	11-1	THAT'S YOUR LOT (L Freedman) H Cecil 8-12	Paul Eddery	4
409	1400-32	TRUCIDATOR (M Hartley) S Norton 8-12	J Lowe	5
410	1228-41	VERTIGE (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 8-12	S Cauthen	1
412	000-4	INFANTRY (R Sangster) B Hills 8-8	B Thomson	2
415	42-22	SLANE CASTLE (B) (B Firestone) D Weld (Ire) 8-8	M J Kinane	3

1984: Trial By Error 8-12 D McHargue (9-2) L Cumani 8 ran.

15-8 Vertige, 11-4 Soldat Bleu, 6 That's Your Lot, 13-2 Truciditor, 8 Slane Castle, Middlesex, 20 Infantry.

FORM: MIDDLESEX (9-0) 3.½l 4th to Lightning Dieter (8-9) at Epsom, later promoted to 3rd (6f, £23,940, good, Apr 24, 8 ran). THAT'S YOUR LOT (9-11) 3l Kempton winner from Doo Bayah (8-10) (6f, £4,195, heavy, Apr 12, 3 ran). VERTIGE (9-0) beat Trojan Prince (8-9) 2l at Ascot with SOLDAT BLEU (9-0) 2l back in 3rd (1m 2f, £8,616, good, May 1, 7 ran). SLANE CASTLE (9-0) 2.½l runner-up to Head Of The House (9-0) at Phoenix Park (8f, £2,760, yielding, Apr 20, 12 ran); earlier (8-9) 2l 2nd to Leading Counsel (9-7) at Phoenix Park (8f, £11,802, heavy, Apr 8, 7 ran).
Selection: VERTIGE

4.15 OULTON HANDICAP (£3,733: 5f) (10)

501	3006-04	CLANTINE (CD) (Clantime Ltd) J Berry 4-9-10	P Cook	10
502	210-000	KATHRED (G A Farndon) R Hollinshead 7-9-7	R Lappin 7	5
503	1000-02	SOLLIN EMILY (D) (Mrs N Westbrook) M H Easterby 4-8-11	M Birch	7
505	410-200	LOCHTILLUM (D) (J Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 5-8-9	S Cauthen	3
506	3300-13	MEESON KING (D) (J Wilcox) B McMahon 4-8-8	W Carson	6
508	2004-43	RAPID MISS (D) (D Cooper) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-5	A Mackay	4
510	00006-4	LADY OF LEISURE (C) (Northumbria Leisure) J Vickers 4-8-1	M Hills	9
511	000-000	PHILSTAR (D) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 4-8-1	J Lowe	1
512	2300-00	POKERFAYES (B) (D) (C Hallett) B McMahon 5-7-7	E Johnson	2
513	00000-6	BROMWICH BOY (W Owen) L Barratt 5-7-7	–	8

1984: All Is Forgiven 4-8-11 P Robinson (9-1) D Thom 10 ran.

5-2 Meeson King, 100-30 Rapid Miss, 4 Lady Of Leisure, 5 Clantine, Bollin Emily, 10 others.

FORM: KATHRED (8-10) 8th to Brig Chop (8-4) at Newmarket (8f, £5,808, good to firm, May 1, 13 ran). Last year KATHRED (8-4) beat Aide Memoire (9-7) 1sl at Newcastle (6f). BOLLIN EMILY (9-7) 7.½l runner-up to Blickeyes (8-7) at Haydock with PHILSTAR (8-11) 6l away 5th (5f, £2,595, good, May 4, 13 ran). MEESON KING (8

THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Parents can inspire the determination to work for progress and halt the drift of our industries, says Parry Rogers



How does such a mature and sophisticated country as Britain find itself in the situation of having at the same time gross levels of unemployment and serious skill shortages? Readers will be familiar with the skill shortages in the information technology industry and may explain this as the result of a rate of technological change which has been faster than was foreseen.

But how does one explain recent reports of shortages of accountants, of an inadequate number of candidates of necessary quality for the administrative trainee entry for the Civil Service, or of a dearth of business graduates?

It is easy and fashionable to lay blame at the door of the educational system, and a number of constructive comments on this theme will be found below, but the underlying reasons must be deeper.

It must be that not enough people seek to improve their lot or their children's. Too many have a passive view about their futures and lack the determination to work for progress in their own working lives or between one generation and the next.

Perhaps the substantial and steady progress in living standards we have experienced since the war satisfy the modest aims of most people, and this comfortable progress without undue effort causes more ambitious aims for purchasing power and quality of life to be supressed.

Because we have never had to cope with national development or reconstruction on the scale that others have had to face, we are happy to drift along without drastic change, content with short-term progress and unaware or careless about longer-term relative decline.

This characteristic of ours contrasts with the drive and energy of North America and the Far East, and there are undoubted points about our attitude to life in Britain which are based on feelings that we have something that our more restless neighbours in the world lack. But what we do have in quality terms has to be paid for by wealth creation and successful trading in a competitive international world – no one owes us a living.

There is no steady state in relation to international competitiveness. Either we advance or we continue the process of decline. The factors affecting which of these alternative courses we follow are talent, motivation and determination.

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Thus, there must be criticism of leadership at all levels for our present national tendency to prefer negative attitudes to those of enthusiasm, encouragement and optimism. There are plenty of examples that people in this country will work as hard and as enthusiastically as any in the world given the environment that competent leadership can create. This is the challenge of a management career.

We are rapidly becoming a knowledge-based society with a concentration of our wealth-creating capacity in the hands of relatively few businessmen, engineers and scientists. From such people flows the wealth that sustains the quality of life enjoyed by all. They also stimulate the employment that is part of the wealth creation process and part of the subsequent opportunities for wealth consumption.

The more talent that can be attracted to these key occupations, the more successful we will be in the international community and the higher the quality of life this and future generations will enjoy.

So why are too few of the most able boys and girls – especially girls – not seeking the increasingly highly rewarded, satisfying and secure careers as information technology professionals?

A good starting point would be the awareness by mothers and fathers that the world for which they are preparing their children will be very different from the one in which they grew up. Many of today's parents – and grandparents – began their working lives in an era of full employment and an expectation that education and training undertaken before the age of 21 would provide employment for life.

A good general education was the best start and there was an attitude that in some obscure way an arts and humanities bias was superior to a maths or science one, and a technology interest was slightly eccentric.

Parents must understand that the world has changed as much in the past 20 years as it did in the previous 50. The halycon days of the arts graduate of 1960 have gone as completely as the Colonial Civil Service or cavalry commissions.

Today an education must include knowledge and skills in information technology as a basis for almost all professional and non-manual employment, with a significant proportion of the most able discovering an aptitude and an enthusiam for making their careers in the IT field.

It is the task of the "triple alliance" of government, education and industry, set up as the Information Technology Skills Agency (ITSA), to achieve the necessary changes in the education system and in industrial training, but many of these changes will happen only if parents understand the need for them and are prepared to apply pressure for such changes in every school and college.

Too many boys and girls are opting out of maths and physics at or before O-levels and so cutting themselves off from technology before they understand its significance. This is happening because the importance of those subjects is not appreciated, because those subjects are often not well taught, and because children are drawn to the best teachers, who are frequently those teaching other subjects.

There are similar teacher problems in higher education. Are student places determined by the existence or availability of teachers in particular subjects rather than the needs and interest of students or the economic needs of the nation? We also have the burden of the inflexibility of the education system and the time that it takes to bring about any change.

Industry too has to do much more both to assist the academic world and to recognize its obligation to provide employees with continuous education throughtout a working lifetime. New methods of distance learning and computer-based training are involved, but the need for changes in management attitudes is dominant.

There are important national initiatives at work, including ITSA, the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative (TVEI), and the introduction of A/S-levels. These actions will be more fruitful if they are supported by knowledgeable parents bringing pressure to bear on both their offspring and the education world.

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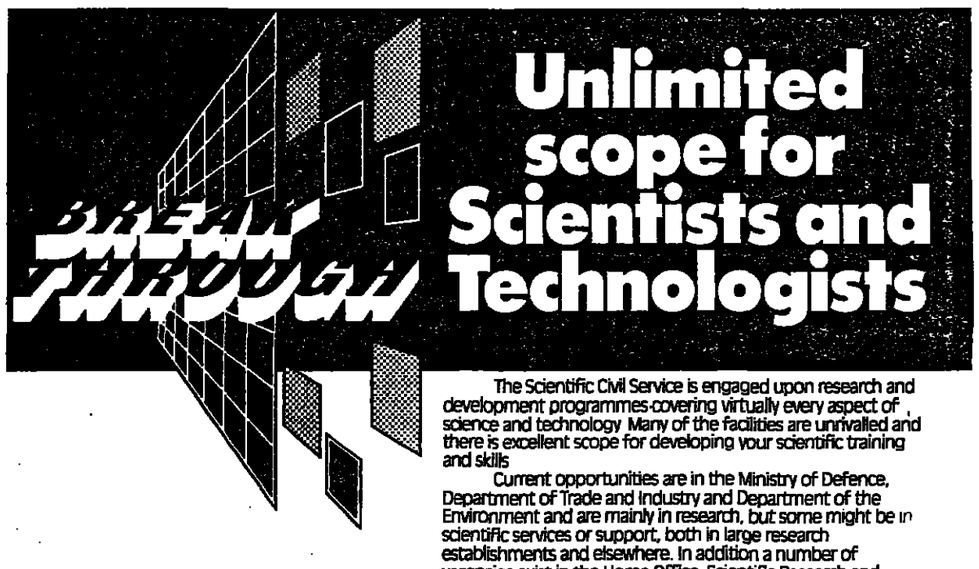
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Riding stress to success

Pandora Wodehouse on how one woman left commodity broking and became a solicitor

Commodity broking is still considered an unusual choice of career for a woman. It is a high-stress occupation requiring limitless energy, fierce ambition and the ability to remain calm when dealing with millions of pounds of other people's money.

Lindsay Harrison was the first woman commodity broker in London at a time when women were still not allowed to deal on the floor of the market. She went into commodities on a secretarial level, having read French at university. "I had no idea what I wanted to do, except that I didn't want to be a teacher, which is about all you can do with French." Within a few weeks she was promoted to dealing with customers and advising on commodity futures, an unusual accolade for a woman in those days. After two years she was offered, and accepted, a job on a very senior level, rapidly reaching the stage where she could go no further.

It was not prejudice which forced upon her a career change to solicitor, but, perversely, her job commitment. "I was working from 8 am to 8 to 9 at night, sometimes later. It didn't worry me at all as I thoroughly enjoyed my job." It was her husband who was unable to cope, and their marriage broke down. Trying to deal with the emotional trauma and the demands of high-level broking proved impossible.

Lindsay left her job and for a while gave up working. "At that stage I hadn't considered a different career, but I was beginning to realize the limitations of broking for a woman." A meeting with a solicitor provided a new opportunity and the change she needed. He offered her a temporary secretarial job which she accepted, intending it to be no more than a stop-gap until she resumed her old career.

She began by typing, then graduated to drawing up contracts for the film department, working for the solicitor she was later articled to. Her decision to change careers permanently was brought to a head when she was approached by her former boss, and asked to return to the market. "I decided it would be a mistake to go back. I was constantly being asked for advice on contracts by



trained solicitors and they were being paid far more than me. I decided it was time to qualify and it all suddenly seemed so obvious when I finally realized I was good at it."

To qualify Lindsay had to take both stages of the Law Society's professional examination, followed by two years' articles. Part 1 was relatively simple and she worked by correspondence. Part 2 was the real test of her determination, for by then she had married and had a two-year-old son. "Part 2 is a horrendous exercise. The volume of learning is amazing."

She attended law school for six months and admits she felt resentment at being a mother. "I knew that others were working all through the weekends when I couldn't. I was obliged to work all night when Ashley was in bed. My husband was extremely supportive and never complained, although he hardly saw me and we never communicated. I was just another presence in the house! I felt I just had to do it because as a wife and mother I knew I would not have another go if I didn't pass.

She not only passed, but with distinction. Looking back she sees the emotional and financial support she got from her husband as a key to her success. "I would not have contemplated trying to qualify if he had been against it. It would have been too selfish, and if I hadn't had the financial support I might have had to reconsider my career altogether."

Lindsay completed two years' articles with a firm of solicitors working in the entertainment industry and was a salaried partner within a year. She then left to work with a film and music company in an advisory capacity, staying for nine months. Her latest move has been to join her present partner to set up an entertainment department. This is an unusual area of the law for a woman to specialize in, but Lindsay's experience as a broker has served her well.

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Both Lindsay's careers started on a secretarial level an experience she believes is just as useful as a degree when entering a competitive profession. She also had to recognize and seize the opportunities presented to her. Ambition, natural intelligence and hard work were the final requirements.

Has she ever regretted leaving commodities? "I've only once felt a real pang, and that was when I read about the first woman allowed on the floor. My first reaction was: That should have been me."

A wide world of qualifications

In the hands of an employer or personnel manager, *A Dictionary of British Qualifications: Abbreviations and Qualifying Bodies* (Kogan Page, £12.50) could be a useful tool in weeding out the qualified from the unqualified, *writes Philippa Toomey.* To anyone else it is a source of wonder that there should be so many qualifications in the world, let alone Britain. Accountants, doctors, engineers, all seem fairly familiar, but the book ranges from AAAI (Associate of the Institute of Administrative Accountants) to WCMD (Advanced Certificate of the Welsh College of Music and Drama), and between these you can find all sorts, including remedial gymnasts, health and beauty therapists, and the Institute of Leisure and Amenity Management. O brave new world, that has such qualifications in it!

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WANTED: HUMAN IBM PC

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PA/ SECRETARY TO MANAGING DIRECTOR

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You'll have good typing skills including shorthand and/or audio, WP experience or aptitude (training given). Mature and self assured-you'll have the presence to deal with our clients.

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SECRETARY TO MARKETING DIRECTOR – W1
up to £8,500

This top cosmetic company has an opening for a well-educated, organised secretary to work for 2 dynamic executives, combining fast shorthand/typing with creative flair. A superb opportunity. Ring Leanne Walters, ref C5556.

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SECRETARY
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Tel: 01-499 0092
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Telephone Mr Davy on
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PA required to work with a senior producer, experience of all aspects of video or film production and strong basic secretarial skills essential.

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Capital People 240 9364 Rec Cons

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BLEZARD – On may 7 at Kingston Hospital, to Lisa (nee Nielson) and Jonathan, a daughter.

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FOXLEY – On May 4 1985 to Helen Louise (nee Dalziel) and Paul, a son, Thomas Gordon.

FRANKLIN – On 8th May at St. Thomas's Hospital to Diana (nee Raworth) and Rodney, a daughter, sister to Edward.

GODBOLD – On May 4th 1985, at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, to Howard and Gillian (nee Mack), a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth May, a sister for Natasha and James.

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MARTIN – On May 7, 1985, in Toronto, Canada, to Nancy (nee Haynes) and John, a son, Alexander Joseph James.

NEAVES. – On April 27 at The Williams Harvey Hospital to Patricia (nee Hanifan) and Robert – a son James (Jamie) Robert.

PALAMOUNTAIN. – On 3rd April to Ulrika (nee Brunnhage) and Rufus, a daughter, Olivia Ulrika Louise.

PARKES – On 5th May 1985, at the Warneford Hospital, Elinor Prudence.

PLOMER. – On May 1, to Elizabeth (nee Sutherst), Wife of Alan Plomer – a daughter (Susannah Elizabeth).

SAYCE – On May 3, at the Countess of Chester Hospital, to Jan and Terry, a son, Richard Alexander James, a brother for Samantha and Victoria.

SNEYD – On April 28th, to Felicity (nee Brown) and James, a son, (Thomas George).

VAUDOYER. On May 4 in Paris to Penelope (nee Pegler) and James – a son. Both well.

WARSBROUGH – On April 25th, to Jenny and Richard of 12 Orchard Street, Dorchester, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, a sister for William.

WHITAKER – On May 2 to Sarah (nee Colman) and Andrew, a daughter, Elspeth Alice Charlotte.

WOOD – On May 6th to Ann (nee Gilmour) and Andrew, at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, a daughter Charlotte Louisa Knoyle, sister to Ben.

BIRTHDAYS

HELEN & CATHERINE ROSE. A problem has arose. 2 birthdays missed, now on next years list. Love Lisa, Lee & Me.

TIMKINS. Thank you for message October 10th: many congratulations for your self old bean. – Porkey.

WILLIAM AIDAN WELSTEAD is 18 today. Lots of love and Happy Birthday.

MARRIAGES

NEIL-PILKINTON. – On May 4th, 1985, in St John the Baptist Church, Mayfield, Derbyshire. Doctor Andrew Neil and Susan, now at Oxford.

DEATHS

AIDIN – On May 7, in Worthing, Doris Aidin (nee Edwards), aged 79, much loved wife of the late Peter Aidin, M.D., F.C.P., loving mother of Michael and Janet and devoted granny of Florence and Beatrice. Funeral on Monday, May 13 at 11.45 at Worthing Crematorium.

BAGWELL. – On May 7, suddenly at home, Major William Edward Gumbleton Bagwell, MC, late The Royal Norfolk Regiment. Funeral service in Stratfield Church at 2pm on Friday, May 10. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Legion Ireland.

BOYD – On May 5 1985, peacefully at the Visitation Convent, Bridport, Dora, aged 100 years, late of Loders, Bridport, Dorset. Funeral service will take place at Loders Parish Church on Monday May 13 at 10.15am, followed by cremation. Enquiries to A.J Weakley & Sons, Bridport 53725.

CASH. – On may 6, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Dennis Cash, of Canford Cliffs and formerly of Haywards Heath. Beloved husband of Dorothy and very dear father of Leye. Funeral service Tuesday, May 14, at 2 pm, in Church of the Transfiguration, Canford Cliffs, followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 1762 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth (0202 34311.

CHRISTIE – On May 3, 1985, peacefully in a nursing home, John Wedgwood, M.C., aged 92, beloved husband of Phyllis and father of Sally and Andrew. Funeral 3.30pm May 9 at Guildford Crematorium. No flowers. Donations to Institute for Blind, or Royal National Life-boat Institution.

CLEARY – On Sunday May 5, 1985, aged 49 years, suddenly in his sleep at Foston, Michael Joseph, adored husband of Mary and much loved father of Matthew, Jo, Paul, Kieran and James and loving son of Kathleen and the late Dr Michael Cleary. Reception at St Leonard's Church, Mallon, 7.15pm Sunday May 12. Requiem mass 11.30am, Monday May 13, followed by interment at All Saints Church, Foston.

COOPER. DOUGLAS JAMES, peacefully on Sunday May 5, aged 88, of North Finchley, uncle and friend. Service at Golders Green Crematorium, 2.20pm, Friday May 10. Flowers to Everetts, 6 Parr's Parade, 213 Evenmatt Street, London NW1.

CRAWFORD – On May 6th, peacefully in hospital, Jane (nee Wildeblood) Crawford, beloved wife of Alan and mother of Sarah and Katy. Private family funeral on Friday 10th May at Keevil Parish Church. Flowers to A. Barker, 52 Bond Street, Trowbridge, Wilts. A concert in memory of Jane is planned for a later date.

DARLYNG – On May 6 1985, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law in Henley-on-Thames, Margaret Isobel (Peggy), widow of Arthur Lindsay and much loved mother of Andrew and Janine, mother in law of Mavis, and grandmother of Nicky and Isobel. Cremation private, but all friends welcome at a gathering in her memory at Caversham South Lawn Bridge Wood Road, Henley, on Sunday, May 12 at 3pm. Enquiries to 0491 575809.

DOWNWARD – Elizabeth Mary on May 7, suddenly in Winchester, widow of Brian and much loved mother, grandmother and sister. Funeral Monday May 13 at St Stephens Church, Spearoott at 11.30. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

FENTON. – On 4th May 1985 Wilfrid David Greenhalgh Fenton, CBE., FRSE., BSc. FIEE Dear husband of Elaine, devoted brother of Doris Butters, Jan Fenton and the late Iris Lamont. Private funeral service and family flowers only. Donations if desired to Minister's Welfare Grants Fund, St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1.

GARDNER – On Sunday, May 5th Violet Mary aged 93 years. Loving wife of the late Professor Duncan Gardner. Funeral service private, no flowers by request.

GOODE – On 4th May 1985, suddenly at his home at East Dean, Sussex, A. A. Goode OBE, loved uncle of Roy and great uncle of Belinda and Virginia. Funeral service at East Dean Church, on Friday, 17th May at 11.30am, followed by cremation. Flowers to Haine & Son Ltd, 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

HOLCROFT – On May 7th 1985, peacefully at home, Beatrice wife of the late John Holcroft of Northbrook, Bentley, Hampshire. Much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service on Monday, 13th May at 12 noon, at the Parish Church of St Marys, Bentley.

JONES – On May 5, 1985, peacefully in hospital David Llewellyn. An inspirational Christian gentleman, aged 68. Dearest husband of Olive, dearly loved father of Mervyn and Shirley. Funeral service at Broadstone Methodist Church on Friday, May 10 at 2.15, followed by interment at Broadstone Cemetery. Family flowers only, but if desired donations may be sent for The Local Preachers Mutual Aid Association c/o Broadstone Methodist Church, c/o A. H. Giblin (C. E. Burch) Funeral Directors, 6 Dunyeats Road, Broadstone, Dorset. Tel: 0202 693275.

LAST – Ruby Claire, very dearly loved wife of Norman and dearly loved mother of Nicola and Howard. Born 19th October 1930, called to rest peacefully at home 8th May 1985 having lived life to the years victoriously after suffering a motor handicap. We thank God for His love and grace that reached us all through her life. Funeral service at St Andrews Parish Church, Farnham on Monday May 13th at 12.30pm and after Rosahof 120 Crawley. Donations to Norman which will be sent to Kidney Research, Norman, Howard, Nicola & John.

MARKES – On May 1st very peacefully in Seaford Nursing Home, Diana Josephine aged 72 years, widow of Charles, dearly loved mother of Tim, Lindy and Celia, mother-in-law of Moe and beloved grandma of Hannah. All enquiries and if desired, donations to The Alzheimer's Disease Society, c/o Seaford Funeral Service. 0323 893899.

MASON – On May 4, 1985, Lelia May, Cremation at Putney Vale crematorium on Wednesday May 15 1985 at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Friends of St Stephen's Hospital, London SW10 greatly appreciated.

MASON – On 6th May 1985 peacefully in King Edward VII Hospital Midhurst, Alan aged 69 years. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Will be sadly missed. Service on Monday 13 May, at Worthing Crematorium, 11.30am followed by a memorial service at Stopham Church, near Pulborough, 12.30pm. Tuesday May 14 at St Luke's Church, followed by cremation at Lambeth Crematorium, Blackthorne Rd. SW17 at 3pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Derek Bird, 1 Sudbrooke Rd. SW12 for the church. Enquiries to E Lunnon & Sons Ltd, 117 Falcon Rd. SW11. Tel 223 5433.

PALMLEY, Estelle Denise – peacefully on Sunday, May 5, in Edgware General Hospital. Cremation, East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Monday May 11, 3.50 pm.

PARTRIDGE, GRACE DOROTHY, on Sunday May 5, peacefully in Boscombe Hospital after a brave fight. Beloved wife of Kenneth, dear mother of Roger and Kathleen and much loved grandmother. Funeral service at All Saints, Muderord at 10.30am on Monday May 13. Family flowers only but donations if wished to Oxfam.

POWER – On May 6, Josephine Lesley, wife of the late Henry Power, of Chobham, beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral at St Lawrence Church on Tuesday May 14, 11am. Donations welcomed to Canterbury Cat Trust, 21 Old Dover Road, Canterbury, Kent.

PRICE – On May 6th, at home after a short illness, Betty Price. Much loved by the family and many friends. Funeral on Wednesday, May 15th at 3.30pm. at Mortlake Crematorium, Townmead Road, SW15. Flowers to Kempsons, Mortlake Road, W9.

QUANTRILL – On 4th May 1985 at Westminster Hospital, Arthur aged 73 years of London and Worthing. Funeral service at St. Thomas Chapel, Broadwater Road, Worthing on Friday 10th May at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please friends only. No flowers but donations if desired to personal charity.

RAINDAG, Eugene, on the 7th May, suddenly in Monaco. Beloved husband of Rose. Funeral in London to be announced later.

RIDDALL – On 5th May 1985, at Shoreham, Carvosa Claude Victor aged 76, husband of Kathleen, father of Zillah, John and Michael. Formerly headmaster at Northwood Preparatory School. Service at Sullington Church, Storrington, Tuesday 14th May at 2.30pm followed by cremation at Worthing Crematorium at 3.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Friends of Foxmead Rest Home, Mesopotamia, Storrington, Sussex.

ROBERTS. – On May 6, 1985, peacefully at St Monica Home of Rest, Bristol, Ruth Catherine Roberts, in her 87th year, dearly loved sister of Alec (deceased), Fred (deceased), Hope and Janet. Funeral service at St Monica Home, on Tuesday, May 14, at 2.15 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy, 14 Fitzroy Square, London. W1P 6AH.

RUTNAM – On 7th May, at Worthing, Winifred, wife of the late Donald Rutnam KCS (ret'd). Funeral at Streatham Park Cemetery, London, on 15th May at 2pm.

SADLER-RUTH (nee Rowley) former Hunting Lady, suddenly but peacefully at home. In appreciation of many happy years she gave the Badsr family. No flowers please but donations to RNLI.

STEEL – On May 8, 1985, peacefully in her sleep at her home in North Berwick, Phyllis, beloved wife for 54 years of Cmdr. R. P. de Courcy Steel, Royal Navy Ret'd. Darling mother of Patricia and grandmother of Penelope, William, Rosemary and Charles Sarin. Funeral service at St Baldreds Church, North Berwick, at 10.45 am. on Saturday, May 11. Cremation private. Family flowers only please.

SWEENEY. – Kenneth, May 4th. Ash Hill House, Romsey, Hants. Requiem Mass, RC Chapel, Downton, 9.30am. Cremation Salisbury 11.00am Thursday May 9th. Ashes to Vancouver, No flowers, donations Salisbury Hospice Special Trust, Wilts.

SYKES – On May 4, 1985, suddenly at home, Daisy Maria Hester Sykes aged 3 months, beloved daughter of Nicky and Adrian and adored sister of Eleanor, Sam and Miranda.

WOODALL. – On Tuesday, May 7, 1985, aged 88 yrs, Lt Gen Sir John Dans Woodall, KCB, CBE, DSO, Cit, MC. Col Commandant RA Ret'd. Dearly loved husband of Molly and loved father of Josephine, Ruthenna, John and Marion. Family funeral.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HOYER – A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Henry Hoyer will be held at German Christ Church, 19 Montpelier Place, London SW7 at 7pm on Thursday 23rd May.

HUBBARD. A service in memory of Thomas Hubbard will be held at St Peter's, Eaton Terrace, Pimlico SW6, on Friday, 17th May at 12 noon.

ROSS – A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alan Alastair (Angus) Ross, O.B.E., will be held at the Church of St Sepulchre Without Newgate, Holborn Viaduct, on Wednesday, May 15th at 12 noon.

STEADMAN – A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs Margaret Elspeth Bryden Steadman, former Appeal Director of Dr Barnardo's, will be held in the Children's Church, Dr Barnardo's, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex on Tuesday May 14 at 12 noon.

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Jacqueline.

EXETER – Kenneth John, died 9th May 1984, aged 69 years. Dearly loved and sadly missed, your sorrowful wife Margo.

GORDON. – In loving memory of Jean, widow of Major Douglas Gordon, Gordon Highlanders, on the 1st Anniversary of her death May 9, 1964.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Sue Cook. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; Andrew Neil editor of *The Sunday Times*, reviews the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Zoe Brown's teenage report, Glynn Christian's recipe hints and Richard Smith's 'phone-in surgery. The guest is David Cassidy.

9.20 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Ceefax.

1.00 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. 1.27 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.30 Trumpton. A See-Saw programme for the very young. (r). 1.45 Ceefax.

2.00 **Racing from Chester.** Julian Wilson introduces coverage of four races – the Sceptre Stakes (2.15); the Ormonde Stakes (2.45); and the Ladbroke Hotel Handicap (3.15). The 3.45 race is on BBC 2. The commentators are Peter O'Sullevan, Jimmy Lindley and John Hanmer. 3.35 Ceefax. 3.53 Regional news (not London).

3.55 **Mopp and Smiff** with Mike Amatt and the voices of Prunella Scales and Timothy West. 4.10 Ivor the Engine (r). 4.15 Jigsaw. Puzzle programme (r). 4.30 **Bananaman** (r). 4.35 **Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds.** Cartoon adventure series. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround.

5.05 **Blue Peter.** Simon Groom reports from the deck of the Mary Rose, now in a new position in the Ship Hall (Ceefax).

5.35 **Dr Kildare.** The second and final part of a medical drama set in the Blair Hospital. Starring Richard Chamberlain and Raymond Massey (r).

6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **EastEnders.** Mary is convinced that someone has reported her to the Social Security and that the mystery man who seems to be following her is one of the department's investigators. (Ceefax).

7.30 **Tomorrow's World** investigates new research into Legionnaires' Disease; the speedboat that is attempting the fastest sea crossing of the Atlantic; and a weird-looking airship.

7.55 **Top of the Pops,** introduced by John Peel and Janice Long.

8.30 **The Lenny Henry Show.** The comedian's guests are Adrian Edmondson, Daniel Peacock, Alexei Sayle and music from Second Image (r).

9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville. Weather.

9.25 **Matt Houston.** A new series of adventures concerning multi-millionaire-turned-detective Matt Houston, tonight finding that the nurse he flirts with when he is in hospital after dealing with a drugs dealer, takes his bandage seriously and will not take no for an answer. Starring Lee Horsley.

10.15 **Question Time.** Donald MacCormick's panel consists of four MPs – Roy Jenkins, Lynda Chalker, Harriet Harman and Gordon Wilson.

11.15 **The Learning Machine.** Part three of the series on the use of computers in the classroom and Celia Hoyle, Professor of Mathematics, Institute of Education (London University) examines the myths and prejudices about computing and girls.

11.40 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain,** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.16, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.19; consumer report on NHS glasses at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; Loyd Grossman at the home of Steven Duffy at 8.15; film reviews at 8.40; news of the support group, Baby Lifeline, at 9.05.

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9.25 **Thames news** headlines. **9.30 For Schools:** A spur to all aspects of written and spoken English. **9.48** Junior maths: large numbers. **10.06** On a nature trail. **10.23** The family and religious faith. **10.43** Physiology, including menstruation. **11.02** Maths: matching and symmetry. **11.14** Questioning traditional sex roles. **11.34** The animal world in close-up.

11.55 **Rub a Dub Dub.** Starlight, Starbright, a story for children. **12.00 Foxtales.** Peter Davison narrates the puppet story, Third Time Lucky. **12.10 Mooncat and Co** with guest Pat Coombs (r). **12.30 The Sullivans.**

1.00 **News at One** and Weather. **1.20 Thames news** from Robin Houston. **1.30 Falcon Crest. 2.25 Home Cookery Club.** The recipe for baked fruit cheesecake.

2.30 **Play it Again.** Tony Bilbow talks to impressionist Faith Brown. **3.00 Gems.** Rag trade serial set in the Covent Garden workshops of a fashion design company. **3.25 Thames news** headlines. **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Foxtales.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. **4.15 Crystal Tipps and Alistair.** Cartoon. **4.20 Wonders in Letterland.** Debbie discovers the Land of "R". **4.40 First Post. 5.00 Dangermouse.**

5.15 **Thames Sport,** presented by Steve Rider, includes a profile of goalkeeper Pat Jennings; Ian Botham discussing the cricket season; and news of the Junior Gymnast of the year competition.

5.45 **News. 6.00 Thames news.**

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Voluntary Services Overseas organization.

6.35 **Crossroads.** A dinner party is arranged by John Latchford.

7.00 **Emmerdale Farm.** Disaster befalls Jackie Merrick when he attends a party.

7.30 **Knight Rider.** Michael Knight and his computerized motor car, KITT, in an adventure entitled Ten-Wheeled Trouble.

8.30 **Minder: All About Scoring, 'Innit.'** A talented footballer with a soft spot for the high life disappears. Arthur hires out Terry to be his minder because there is a chance that the errant footballer may sell his story of wine, women and song to a Fleet Street newspaper (r).

9.30 **TV Eye: The Secret Crime.** An investigation into the extent of sexual abuse of children. With contributions from the police, doctors, social workers and from girls, some as young as eleven years of age, who talk of their experiences.

10.00 **News at Ten** and weather.

10.30 **Shelley.** The educated layabout finds Sunday afternoon boring with only the newspapers as a diversion (r).

11.00 **Parents and Teenagers.** Dramatized documentary series about problems that arise between teenagers and their parents.

11.30 **Film: The Double*** (1963). An Edgar Wallace mystery about a man who thinks he has murdered his business partner. Directed by Lionel Harris.

12.35 Night Thoughts.



Lindsay Duncan stars in Loose Connections (Channel 4, 9.30pm)

CHOICE

● The bitterest pill of all is the supercure which, after slipping down the millionth throat, leaves a nasty feeling in the pit of society's stomach. When the panacea's apparent product is a breed of children who take their legs off at night or speak only in a morse-like string of squeals, the patients might seem to deserve their money back and more. **DEAR MR PRESIDENT** (BBC2, 9.30pm) concerns a trek across America in pursuit of that elusive justice. Barry Hall, from Derbyshire, believes that his mute, immobile daughter, Hannah, was damaged by a morning sickness treatment prescribed to Mrs Hall. Denied a hearing in Britain, he crossed the Atlantic. Stonewalled there, he wrote to Ronald Reagan. You just hope he gets more than the standard signed portrait. A black-gloved hand persuading the BBC camera to quit the premises of the drug-making giant remains the dominant image of Richard Lightbody's hard-edged and elegant film; the dominant sound is Hannah's squealing which, amid the practised evasions and sanitised Latin of doctors and lawyers, has an eloquence which deserves to be answered.

● **PORRIDGE,** like it or lump it, locked up prisons as a subject for comedy; Willis Hall's **THE BRIGHT SIDE** (Channel 4, 9.00pm) lags behind. Cynthia (Paula Wilcox) visits husband Lionel (Paul Copley) while he serves a four-year sentence for a crime unspecified. The visits are brief and she spends much of the script in her kitchen, with cutaways to hubby in his cell. This may make the pivotal point – that his surroundings are in better nick than hers – but it divides a bite-sized plot beween two plates. Most of the jokes are stamped "sell by 1960", the best jest concerning a mix-up between "brass monkeys" and "wise monkeys." Signalling the weakness of the words, Geoffrey Hughes, as the soft-touch warder, affects a bizarre pronunciation; a Tommy Arto is a small red fruit, a fartalist is a stamp collector and a Me-in-You a list of food available.

● Also of interest: Ebullient in a china shop, Brian Redhead, in **RECOVERY** (BBC 2, 7.15pm), follows the attempts of Wedgwood plc not to go to economic pot. **DESIGN MATTERS** (Channel 4, 11.20pm) assesses how, with re-design, long-haul transport may cease to be a ticket to writhe.

Mark Lawson

BBC 2

6.30 **Open University:** Learning and Doing Maths. **6.55** Science: A Portrait of Summer School. Ends at 7.20. **9.00** Ceefax.

9.35 **Daytime on Two:** Italian conversation. **9.55** The life and language of French teenagers. **10.12** Science: forests and trees. **10.34** A profile of entertainer, Victoria Wood. **10.55** Ceefax. **2.00** For the very young. **2.15** Music: drums. **2.40** Michael Rosen and four young people start to read a book. **3.00** Ceefax.

3.55 **Racing from Chester** (continued from BBC 1). The 172nd Year of the Dee Stakes (3.45). **4.00** Ceefax.

5.25 **News** summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 **Lifegames.** The last programme in the series and Steve Blacknell examines the art of public speaking by listening to a Speakers' Corner orator and to those who lecture on radio and television (r).

6.00 **The Invaders.** The heir to a powerful publishing empire is the target of the aliens who want to control the media. Can Vincent persuade Mace that an outside force is bent on disrupting his magazine empire?

6.50 **Phil Silvers*** as Sergeant Bilko, this week demoted to private. But the wily soldier vows to win back his three stripes within 12 hours by means of his literary talents (r).

7.15 **Recovery.** Brian Redhead meets the management and staff of the once-ailing pottery firm, Wedgwood. He discovers that the company's recovery is due to the workers' involvement in the decisions regarding production methods.

7.40 **Film: The Moonraker** (1957) starring George Baker and Sylvia Sims. Roundheads and Cavaliers romp about a Scarlet Pimpernel-type Royalist who offers to help Charles, heir to the throne. Directed by David Macdonald.

9.00 **Leaving.** Martha and Daniel are now divorced but still keep in close touch where parental matters are concerned. In tonight's episode Martha becomes embroiled in a family matter but Daniel, exploring a new relationship, does not notice (Ceefax).

9.30 **Forty Minutes: Dear Mr President . . .** The last programme of the series follows the efforts of Barry Hall in his legal battles with the United States drug company that manufactures Debendox, that he is waging on his own behalf and those of 700 other British families (see Choice).

10.10 **Morrissey Mullen at the Waterman's.** A concert recorded at an arts centre in Brentford featuring the jazz-funk band with guest Zoot Money.

10.40 **Newsnight.** 11.25 Weather.

11.30 **Open University:** Weekend Outlook. 11.35 Education: '. . . and so to Disembed'. **12.00** Mechanics: Velocity Diagrams. Ends at 12.30.

CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Their Lordships' House.** More from the Lords as the Government's Bill to abolish the GLC and Metropolitan Authorities is discussed (shown last night).

2.30 **Film: So Evil, My Love*** (1948) starring Ann Todd and Ray Milland. Drama, set in Victorian England, with Todd a missionary's widow who lets a room to a penniless artist (Milland) and falls in love with him only to be drawn into his schemes for blackmail and murder. Directed by Lewis Allen.

4.30 **Isaura the Slave Girl.** Isaura is framed for the theft of Malvina's ring but refuses to renounce her love for the banished Tobias. Followed by **Fantastico.** A celebration of the sight, sounds and music of modern Brazil.

5.30 **Film: Iceland*** (1942 starring Sonja Henie and John Payne. Musical romance about an impressionable Icelandic girl who takes the pass made by a US Marine as a proposal of marriage. Directed by Bruce Humberstone.

7.00 **Channel Four News** includes a report from Russia on how the anniversary of VE Day was celebrated behind the Iron Curtain.

7.50 **Comment** from Brian Lymbery, deputy director of the Civic Trust. **Weather.**

8.00 **Mirror Image.** Orange Juice – Da Da with Juice. The group from Scotland play 12 numbers recorded at the Hammersmith Palais.

9.00 **The Bright Side.** A new comedy drama series starring Paula Wilcox as a young wife with a husband in prison, serving his sentence in the hotel-like surrounds of an open prison while she has to struggle gamely on by herself (see Choice).

9.30 **Film: Loose Connections** (1984) starring Stephen Rea and Lindsay Duncan. Delightful comedy about Sally, a middle-class feminist with a passion for building motors, and Harry, a Liverpudlian football fan who hitches a lift from her as she drives from London to Munich where he hopes to see his favourite team in action. To get the lift he pretends that he is a gay, German-speaking vegetarian but his ploys are comically revealed as the trip progresses. Directed by Simon Perry.

11.20 **Design Matters.** The final programme in the series examining how our surroundings affect one's lifestyle focuses on design in public transport – with particular emphasis on safety.

11.45 **Are You Taking the Tablets?** Remember to Keep the Sabbath Day Holy is discussed by John Roberts, the general secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society and the regular panellists, Sister Monica Butler and John Rowling, together with 20 young people.

12.15 **Their Lordships' House.**

12.30 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † stereo on VHF.

5.55 Shipping. **6.00** News Briefing: Weather. **6.10** Farming. **6.25** Prayer.

6.30 Today including **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45** Business News. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.25, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for the Day. **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament. **8.57** Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Checkpoint. Roger Cook investigates listeners' allegations of sharp practice (r).

9.30 The Living World. Life in a medieval farmhouse.

10.00 News; Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts.

10.30 Morning Story: Long Winter Sunday by Pat Gerber. Reader: Joyce Deans.

10.45 Daily Service from the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral.†

11.00 News; Travel; Analysis: 'Funny Money' – Mary Goldring on the causes, and consequences, of fluctuations in world currencies (r).

11.48 A Dorset childhood. Hilary Townsend recalls rural life in the 1930s and 40s.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs, with Pattie Coldwell.

12.27 After Henry. Comedy series starring Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson and Gerry Cowper. **12.55** Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's edition includes Baroness Warnock of Weeke's views on the findings of the Committee of Inquiry into human fertilization. Also, episode three of Leo Days.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: On the Yankee Station, by William Boyd, adapted from his own short story. With Peter Whitman and Keith Edwards. Revenge story, with the American bombing raids on Vietnam as its background.

4.00 News: Enquire Within. Neil Landor answers listeners' questions.

4.10 Bookshelf. With Hunter Davies.

4.40 Story Time: 'The Past is Myself' by Christabel Bielenberg (4). The reader is Ann Morrish.

5.00 PM: news magazine. **5.50** Shipping. **5.55** Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 Brain of Britain 1985. General knowledge contest. First round: Midlands (r).

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Any Answers? John Timpson with listeners' letters.

7.40 The Birth Controllers. Anna Ford asks why scientific research has failed to come up with an ideal contraceptive.

8.40 Anyone Knowing the Whereabouts? Anne Evans tries to trace her father, forty years after he left the family home (r).

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled people.

9.30 The Archive Auction, with Mike Chaney bidding for some of his furry friends and other creatures.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on the film Starman, and the American images, Photography, exhibition at the Barbican.

10.15 A Book At Bedtime: "Voices in an Empty Room" by Francis King (9). **10.29** Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, incl **11.00** Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament. **12.00-12.15 am** News: Weather. **12.33** Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00 am** Weather; Travel. **9.05-10.45** For Schools: **9.05** A Service for Schools. **9.25** Secondary English. **9.50** First Steps in Drama. **10.10** Playtime. **10.25** Talk to a Sports Star. **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Noticeboard **11.05** In the News. **11.30** Wavelength. **1.55-3.00 pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner. **2.05** The Music Box. **2.20** Living Language. **2.40** Health Education. **5.50-5.55 PM** (continued). **11.00** Study On 4: Groundswell. **11.30-12.10 am** Open University: **11.30** Getting Political. **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Radio Geography Advanced Studies. **12.30** The River Trent. **12.50** Planning and Forecasting.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Schubert's Rondo in A, D 951 (Eschenbach/Frantz); McPhee's Nocturne (Hessian RSO/Van Vactor); Purcell's Fantasia No 4 in G minor, for viols (London Baroque); Schumann's Piano Quartet in E flat major Op 47 (Pro Arte).† **8.00** News.

8.05 Morning Concert (cont): Grieg's Elegiac Melodies Op 34 (Academy of St Martin-in-Fields/Marriner); Poulenc's Sonata for horn, trombone, trumpet (Civil/Iveson/Wilbraham); Monteverdi's Questi vaghi concenti (Holt, Evans and Elwes, with Heinrich Schultz Choir); Britten's Diversions for piano left hand and orchestra (Katchen/LSO/Britten).† **9.00** News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Dvorak. Sonatina in G Op 100 (Suk/Holecek); Dobru noc (Goodnight, my darling), sung by Sarah Walker; Serenade in E for strings Op 22 (Academy of St Martin-in-Fields/Marriner).†

10.00 Zelenka: Concentus Musicus, Vienna, under Harnoncourt. The Hipocondrie in A; Overture in F.†

10.35 Wolf and Schoeck: Alan Fairs (baritone) and Geoffrey Pratley (piano). Wolf's Cophtische Lieder; and Schoeck's Five Songs from Op 19a.†

11.05 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Downes). With Igor Oistrakh (violin). Part one. Strauss's symphonic poem Also sprach Zarathustra.†

11.45 Six Continents (r).

12.05 Concert: part two. Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 2; Ravel's Daphnis and Chloe: Suite No 2.† **1.00** News.

1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Stephen Hough (piano). Beethoven's Sonata in D, Op 10 No 3; and Franck's Prelude, Aria and Finale.†

2.00 Boulanger and Duruflé: Alfreda Hodgson (mezzo) with Stephen Cleobury (organ) and BBC Northern Singers. Lili Boulanger's Pie Jesu; Duruflé's Prelude et Fugue sur le nom Id' Alain Op 7; Requiem.†

3.05 London Saxophone Quartet: with Christine Croshaw (piano). Singelée's Solo de concert No 4; Desenclos's Quatuor; Tuthill's Sonata for tenor saxaphone and piano Op 56; Nell Richardson's Impressions.†

3.55 City of London Sinfonia (under Hickox), with Gareth Hulse (oboe) and Simon Standage (violin). Bach's Violin Concerto BMV 1042; Vivaldi's Oboe Concerto in G minor Op 11 No 6 RV 450; Bach's Concerto in D minor, BWv 1060; Corelli's Concerto Grosso in C minor Op 6 No 3.† **4.55** News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Geoffrey Norris's musical selections.†

6.30 Bandstand: Parc and Dare Band (under Holvey). Segers's Interlude (Suite for brass), and Gregson's Essay for brass band.†

7.00 Poglietti and Frescobaldi: Gillian Weir (harpsichord). Poglietti's Il Rossignolo; Frescobaldi's Passacaglia.†

7.30 BBC Welsh SO (under Handley). With Robert Cohen (cello). Part one. Delius's The Walk to the Paradise Garden; Elgar's Cello Concerto.†

8.05 Writer's Choice: Michael Patteram's anthology of poetry and prose. (1) Jane Austen.

8.25 Concert: part two. Walton's Symphony No 1.†

9.15 Russian Piano Music for Four Hands: Peter Noke and Helen Krizos (pianos). Scriabin's Fantasy; Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring.†

10.00 Music in Our Time: with Margaret Field (soprano), and Gemini. Harrison Birtwistle's Dinah and Nick's Love Song: Turnage's Lament for a hanging man; Edward McGuire's Solo for clarinet (s); George Newson's The unbroken circle.†

11.00 Berlin Chamber Orchestra (under Schunk). Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3; Hindesmith's five pieces for string orchestra: Haydn's Symphony No 96.†

11.57 News. **12.00** Closedown.

VHF only: Open University. From **6.35** to **6.55am.** Technology: National Power.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30** and **8.30. 4.00** Colin Berry.† **5.00** Ray Moore.† **8.05** Ken Bruce.† **10.30** Sarah Kennedy.† **1.05pm** Sports Desk: David Jacobs† incl **2.02** Sports Desk. **2.05** Gloria Hunniford† incl **3.02** Sports Desk. **3.30** Music All The Way† incl racing from Chester: **3.45** Dee Stakes. **4.02** Sports Desk. **4.05** David Hamilton† incl **5.05, 6.02** Sports Desk. **6.05** John Dunn† incl **6.45** Sport and classified results (MF) only. **7.30** Cricket scoreboard. **8.00** Wally Whyton introduces Country Club† **9.55** Sports Desk. **10.00** The News Huddlines. Roy Hudd, June Whitfield and Chris Emmett. **10.30** Star Sound Extra (movie scene). **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). **1.00am** Charles Nove presents Nightride.† **3.00** Male Voice Choir of the Year, first round.† **3.45-4.00** Andrew Vinter at the piano.†

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. **7.00** Mike Read in Guernsey. **9.00** Simon Bates. **12.00** Gary Davies incl **12.30pm** Newsbeat. **2.30** Steve Wright. **5.00** Bruno Brookes incl **5.30** Newsbeat. **7.30** Janice Long. **10.00-12.00** Into the Music includes a session from Suno Giants. VHF Radios 1 & 2: **4.00am** With Radio 2. **10.00pm** With Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. **7.00** World News. **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **7.30** Those Swinging Years. **7.45** Network UK. **8.00** World News. **8.08** Reflections. **8.15** Country Music Profile. **8.30** John Peel. **9.00** World News. **9.09** Review of the British Press. **9.15** The World Today. **9.30** Financial News. **9.40** Look Ahead. **9.45** Monitor. **10.00** News Summary. **10.01** British String Quartets. **10.30** Blandings. **11.00** World News. **11.09** News About Britain. **11.15** New Ideas. **12.00** Radio Newsreel. **12.15** Top Twenty. **12.45** Sports Roundup. **1.00** World News. **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **1.30** Network UK. **1.45** Kicking up the Sawdust. **2.00** Outlook. **2.45** Land of a Thousand Dances. **3.00** Radio Newsreel. **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours. **4.00** World News. **4.08** Commentary. **4.15** Assignment. **4.45** The World Today. **5.00** World News. **5.09** A Letter From England. **5.15** Meridian. **8.00** World News. **9.15** A Jolly Good Show. **10.00** World News. **10.09** The World Today. **10.25** A Letter From England. **10.30** Financial News. **10.40** Reflections. **10.45** Sports Roundup. **11.00** World News. **11.09** Commentary. **11.15** Merchant Navy Programme. **11.30** Meridian. **12.00** World News. **12.09** News About Britain. **12.15** Radio Newsreel. **12.30** Ralph McTell and Friends. **1.00** News Summary. **1.01** Outlook. **1.30** The Poem Itself. **1.45** Book Choice. **1.50** In The Meantime. **2.00** World News. **2.09** Review of the British Press. **2.15** The Art of Kathleen Ferrier. **2.30** Back: The 48. **3.00** World News. **3.09** News About Britain. **3.15** The World Today. **3.30** Business Matters. **4.00** Newsdesk. **4.30** Country Music Profile. **5.45** The World Today.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1 **Wales:** 1.27pm-1.30 News of Wales headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines. 5.35-5.40 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 The Welsh Professional Snooker Championships (highlights). 8.30-9.00 Week In Week Out. 11.40-12.10am The Welsh Professional Championships (highlights). 12.10-12.15 News and weather. **Scotland:** 10.50am-12.30pm Conference 85. 1.27-1.30 The Scottish News. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland: 11.40-11.45 News and weather. **Northern Ireland:** 1.27pm-1.30 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.35-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Dr Kildare. 11.40-11.45 News and weather. **England:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts: 1.00pm Isaura The Slave Girl. 2.00 Ffalabalam. 2.15 Their Lordships' House. 2.30 Interval. 3.20 Years Ahead. 4.05 Karl Bohm. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 5.00 Derl Deg. 5.05 Scwbi-Dw. 5.30 Bewitched. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Wheeltracks. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Am y Corau. 8.10 Coleg. 8.40 Awyr Iach. 9.10 Llyged y Gainlog. 9.40 Snwcer. 10.20 End of Empire. 11.20 Dance On 4. 12.20am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Hotel. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 11.30 Yellow Rose. 12.25am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20 News. 1.30 Home Cookery. 1.35-2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.30-4.00 Parlour Game. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30-11.00 Putting On The South. 11.30 New Avengers. 12.30 Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 Mr & Mrs. 2.00-2.30 Mr Smith. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies.* 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 11.30 Great Fights of the 70s. 12.30am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm North News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30-6.35 Police News. 7.00 Studio One. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30-11.00 Benson. 11.30 About Gaelic. 12.00 Festival Folk. 12.30am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Bodyline. 1.35-2.30 Love Boat. 3.30-4.00 Survival. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 7.00 Studio One. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30 Crime Desk 10.35 Report. 11.05 Parents and Teenagers. 11.35 Late Call. 11.40 Legman. 12.35am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.25pm European Folk Tales. 12.40-1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Irish RM. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30-11.00 Central Lobby. 11.30 Protector. 12.00 Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30-11.00 Studio One. 11.30 Benson. 12.00 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-2.30 QED. 3.30-4.00 Beverly Hillbillies*. 5.15-5.45 Captain Scarlet. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.25-6.35 Police Six. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30-11.00 Counterpoint. 11.30 Festival Folk. 11.55 News. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Irish RM. 5.15-5.45 Dreams. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.32 Parents and Teenagers. 11.00 Yellow Rose. 11.55 Mission England, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Hotel. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies.* 6.00-6.35 Liberation – 40 Years On. 7.00 Liberation – 40 Years On. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.34-11.00 Liberation. 11.30 Yellow Rose. 12.25am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 7.00-7.30 Anything Goes. 10.30-11.00 Country Living. 11.30 Yellow Rose. 12.30am Thursday Topic, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live. 1.20 Calendar 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-7.00 Calendar. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 11.30 Jazz. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00-6.35 News. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30 Weekend Outlook. 10.35 Your The Boss. 11.05 Parents and Teenagers. 11.30 Avengers. 12.30am Closedown.

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Labour's T-shirt protest makes Reagan falter

From Ian Murray, Strasbourg

President Reagan left Strasbourg acutely aware of the deep political divide that runs through the heart of the European community 40 years after VE Day.

British Labour MEPs had walked out on him, while Conservatives rose to their feet and stamped in approval. Greek Communists waved posters against Star Wars: Italians told him "hands off Nicaragua". Dutch Liberals clapped his economic thoughts enthusiastically.

The 32 British Labour MEPs had taken a lead in organising the protesting left hand side of the house. In all about 200 of the 434 members either stayed away or refused to clap at even the most emotional European passages of the speech.

The President faltered more than once in is delivery, peering embarrassed and uncomprehending through the transparant autocues at the members round the hemicycle.

Many of the Labour members wore lurid red or turquoise CND T shirts. Nearly everyone on the left-hand side of the house had small posters (printed in South Wales) saying "Star Wars No". "Cruise no Pershing" or "Hands off Nicaragua." They held them up reproachfully whenever the right hand side of the house burst into applause.

The Labour walk-out came as the President seemed to be getting on top of the occasional heckling and ironical laughter. "Is there an echo in the house?" he asked as clear cries of "Nicaragua" greeted his assertion that the Soviet Union was seeking regional conflicts in Central America.

As the Labour group left he won a laugh with a quip which served him well after some Irish deputies walked out when he addressed the Dail last year: "Maybe if I talk long enough in my own Congress some of them will walk out."

At the end he referred again to the walk out. "We have seen evidece here of faith in democracy in the ability of some to speak up freely," he said. "I can't help but remind all of us that some who take advantage of that right of democracy seem unaware that if the government that they would advocate became a reality, no one would have that freedom."

There were cries of "no" from these of the Labour group who had filtered back in to hear the end of the speech, led by Mr Leslie Huckfield, the arch protester from Merseyside, hidden behind a huge poster proclaiming "11 former Nato generals say space weapons lead to war."

Mrs Barbara Castle, wearing black, she said "in mourning," explained why she had walked out.

"We have had to sit here and listen to the President of the United States, who has been building up as much hatred as possible against the Soviet Union, then try to soothe things over. It is gross hypocrisy . . . we had to hear him prating about freedom and democracy, when he has declared economic war on the democratically elected Government of Nicaragua. He went on piling provocation on provocation".

Sir Henry Plumb, leader of the Conservative group, rushed out a written statement to denounce the Labour group's "Tasteless partisan protest".

● LISBON: President Reagan arrived here last night from Strasbourg to begin a two-day visit to Portugal, Reuter reports.

Rates aid hope for Scots

The Government is considering rushing a Bill through Parliament to give emergency relief to Scottish businesses – in the hope of damping down Tory party pressure which would otherwise burst at taday's Scottish party conference in Perth (Athony Bevins writes).

Ministers have already acted to give urgent £38.5 million relief to domestic ratepayers

But relief for business ratepayers can be given only by legislation and it is understood that the Government has entered negotiations with Opposition parties



A day to remember Churchill

By Henry Stanhope

While the rest of Europe yesterday celebrated the end of the Second World War, a plaque was unveiled in a quiet Kensington cul-de-sac to the man who did most to make it possible.

Sir Winston Churchill, died in 1965 and had thus qualified under the Greater London Council's 20-year rule for one of those coverted blue china plaques on his London house.

The unveiling (above), at 28 Hyde Park Gate, was carried out by Lord Soames, Sir Winston's son-in-law. He is flanked by Lord Stockton (left), Mr Winston Churchill, MP (right), and members of the family.



A single wreath yesterday on Sir Winston's grave at Bladon, Oxfordshire

Letter from New York

Where to go broke on $15,000 a year

In the first sunshine of spring a small flock of babies, the winter's crop, congregated with their minders in a small square beside the East River in Manhattan. Curious adults, as if at a zoo, watched the infants feed, dribble and bawl. What would be a commonplace elsewhere was a remarkble spectacle here because New York is fast becoming a childless city. Babies here seem to be almost as rare as panda cubs.

A recent study of New York housing says that families with children are the glaring exception. Nearly nine-tenths of the city's households have no children under six. Seven-tenths have no children under 18. Ninety-four per cent of the people buying apartments, the city's fastest-growing category, have no young children. A third of the city's homes are occupied by one person. Three-fifths have one or two people. And a fifth of all flat renters are over 65.

New York's low breeding rate is a reflection of the way the city is evolving. Manhattan, in particular, is turning into a place primarily for the wealthy. Housing is scarce and expensive and people pay an extraordinary amount of their income for it. Finding a flat and paying for it is a major preoccupation.

An average one-bedroomed apartment in a decent neighbourhood sells for $250,000 or rents from about $1,000 a month. A two-bedroomed apartment costs $300,000 and up, and rent starts at $2,000.

With building land costing a minimum of $4 a square inch developers have no choice but to build for the expensive end of the market. They are also building smaller new flats today have a fifth less space than flats built 10 years ago, reflecting land and building costs and the growing market for non-family accommodation.

Because prices are as high, banks and estate agents reckon that middle income in New York is somewhere between $73,000 and $80,000. A man with a $30,000 income has no hope of owning a home in Manhattan. A man with $15,000 is broke. A third of the city's apartment renters are paying at least two-fifths of their income in rent and a quarter are paying at least half their money in rent.

New York has become a much harder city to live in, more congested and noisier, but that has not dulled its attraction as the most vigorous, creative and diverting of cities. It remains a magnet for young professionals, with its promise of gold-paved streets. Just to be at the heart of it all people pay high prices to share cramped quarters. Many couples can afford to stay in New York only because both are working in full-time professional jobs. Many single people have two jobs in order to meet the rent.

The high cost of housing and the cramped conditions are an effective form of birth control. People put off marriage and postpone children. Many young women here wait until they are in their thirties and have established themselves in their jobs before having a child.

The prices have the continued effect of forcing middle-income people farther out of the city and into the commuter belts, or into formerly poor neighbourhoods where they restore the housing stock. Gentrification is obiously beneficial, but it also means that poorer people are displaced.

Thus New York grows more lopsided and some see a threat in this. On one hand the city is booming. More expensive flats are going up. On the other hand affordable housing for average people is harder to find and this could have long-term economic effect, reducing employment and tax revenues.

The well-off in New York need the less well-off, to staff the offices, factories, restaurants and myriad city services. Without them the quality of New York life will decline. But very little low-cost housing is being built for the lower-paid.

Meanwhile the number of homeless and poor increases. A quarter of the people in the city live below the Government poverty line of $10,000 a year for a family of four. The gap between rich and poor widens.

Trevor Fishlock

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, unveils the Statue of Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis at Wellington Barracks and tours the newly-built Barracks, 11; Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh inspects Royal Baggage Train vehicles of 20 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, at Buckingham Palace, 10.

Princess Alexandra visits Coventry City Council's Torrington Senior Centre for mentally handicapped people at Tile Hill, 2.15; she then visits the Sixth Form College at Solihull, 3.20; and later attends Alexandra House, Mason Court, Olton, 4.45.

New exhibition

Paintings by Alfred Cohen and prints by Anthony Davies: Arts Council Gallery, Bedford St, Belfast; Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (ends June 1).

Exhibitions in progress

Paintings and constructions by Mark Mawer: Oriel 31, 31 High St, Welshpool, Powys; Mon to Sat 11 to 5 (ends May 30).

Ceramics by Lucie Rie: Sheffield City Museum, Weston Park; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 11 to 5 (ends May 19).

Highlights of Hogarth's art: National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends July 4).

Images of China 1908 to 1912: photographs by Henry Laver; Pitt Rivers Museum, South Parks Rd, Oxford; Mon to Sat 2 to 4 (until end of 1985).

Watercolours by J M W Turner: Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St, Oxford; Tues to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4 (ends May 26).

The 19th century British landscape: Towneley Hall Art Gallery and Museum, Towneley Park, Burnley; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sun 12 to 5 (ends May 26).

Mixed Media by the Guild of Kent Artists': Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30 Sat 9.30 to 5 (ends May 17).

Music

Newbury Spring Festival: Organ recital by James Lancelot, St Nicolas Church, Newbury, 1; concert by the Alberni String Quartet, The Long Gallery, Englefield House, Theale, 8; and guitar recital by Guillermo Fierens, The Town Hall, Hungerford, 8.

Recital by Nigel Cliffe (baritone) and James Vickers (piano): St Mary's Church, Aylesbury, Bucks, 1.10.

Winchester and County Musical Festival concert: Winchester Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Guildhall, Plymouth, 7.30.

Concert by the wind soloists of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe: Kettle's Yard, Castle St, Cambridge, 8.

The pipes and drums of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards Beat the Retreat: Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, 6.30.

Concert by the London Trombone Chorale with the Woodbridge School Band, Woodbridge School Hall, Suffolk, 7.30.

Recital by Jean Gordon Brown (soprano) and Ian Sykes (piano): Liverpool Parish Church, Pier Head, 1.05.

Piano recital by Tamas Vasary: Newton Abbot Community Centre, Kingsteignton Rd, 8.

Concert by the King Singers: New Hall, College Walk, Winchester, 7.30.

Concert by the Arioso Quartet: Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret St, Birmingham, 1.

Talks, lectures

Chemistry in a spin: nuclear magnetic resonance, by Prof Robin Kingsley Harris; Room 201, Elvet Riverside II, New Elvet, Durham University, 5.20.

Facts concerning the existence of extra-terrestrial life, by Sir Fred Hoyle; University Hall, Bath, 7.15.

Over the Dunmail Raise by Ron Sands; Lake District National Park Visitor Centre, Brockhole, Windermere, 1.30.

General

Hale Barn Spring Festival: Youth Drama Workshop, All Saints' Church Hall, Hale Barns, Altrincham, 8.

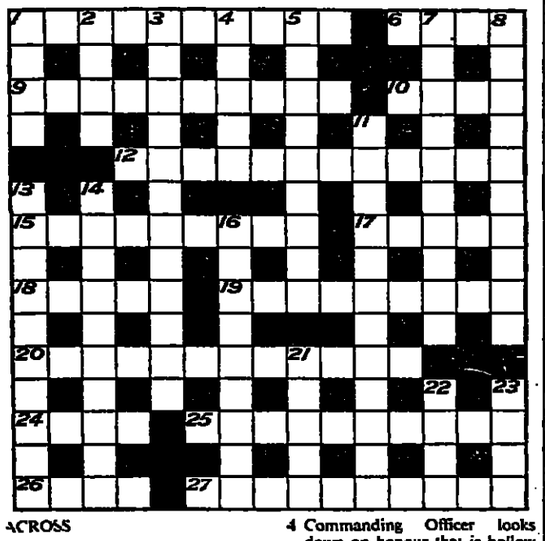
Living Crafts exhibition – demonstrations of over 150 crafts; Hatfield House, Herts, 11 to 6 daily (ends May 12).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on the Multi-Fibre Arrangement.

Lords (3): Local Government Bill, committee, fifth day.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,732



ACROSS

1 Suitable wear for a Digger? (6,4).
6 Kill off with this blow (4).
9 Bright name for a caveman (10).
10 Scent, say, of border flower? (4).
12 Circus dancer shows familiarity with heroin (7,5).
15 One who goes out late for a jar, perhaps? (5-4).
17 Trimmer has equal footing with a sovereign (5).
18 Run away together, or hang about in quarters? (5).
19 Embarrass dancing club member by sudden attack (9).
20 Having put note on returned volume, he issues tickets (7-5).
24 One move a player can make (4).
25 Nice detail could be near the knuckle (10).
26 Be weak because aged and hammer-toed (4).
27 Full of alcohol, married woman heard to make a date (10).

DOWN

1 First into the Weird Sisters' pot (4).
2 Artemus is unskilled in running birds (4).
3 A bugle call is the nicest part of exercises! (12).
4 Commanding Officer looks down on honour that is hollow (5).
5 Poses in a sober-suited fashion (9).
7 Crypt's crude front needs rebuilding (10).
8 Be responsible for itemizing each lamb, say, by value (10).
11 15 has crop with wretched fancy tail (12).
13 Bury bear and get cross (10).
14 Crop expert cooking mint or sago (10).
16 In game of chance, getting inside information is sheer necessity (9).
21 Physician can afford a sail (5).
22 We're told it's full agreement (4).
23 Count up what is a fair reward (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,731

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New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Angels, by Denis Johnson (Penguin, £2.95)
Behind A Mask, Her Unknown Thrillers, by Louisa May Alcott (Hogarth, £3.95)
Light and Darkness, by Natsume Soseki (Picador, £3.50)
1982 Janine, by Alasdair Gray (Penguin, £3.95)
The Busconductor Hines, by James Kelman (Dent, £2.95)
The Hawthorne Goddess, by Glyn Hughes (Penguin, £2.95)

NON-FICTION

Granta 15, The Fall of Saigon, by James Fenton (Granta/Penguin, £3.95)
Overlord, D-Day and the Battle for Normandy 1944, by Max Hastings (Pan, £2.95)
Parallel Lives, Five Victorian Marriages, by Phyllis Rose (Penguin, £3.95)
Two Towns in Provence, by M. F. K. Fisher (Hogarth, £4.95)

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Roads

London and South-east: A219 Putney Hill: delays approaching London due to gas main repairs at the junction with Putney Heath. M3: Outside lane closed from 7am on southbound carriageway due to motorway construction, Hampshire. M1: Expect delays approaching junction 8 (Hemel Hempstead) due to outside lane closures; tailback into Bedfordshire at morning peak.

The Midlands: M1: Roadworks between junction 25 (Nottingham) and 26 (Ripley); two lanes only in each direction. M1: Roadworks at Watford Gap mean delays between junction 16 (Northampton) and 18 (Rugby).

Wales and west: M4: Contraflow between junction 16 (Swindon) and 17 (Chippenham) on eastbound carriageway, Swindon. M5: Northbound carriageway closed at junction 13 (A419 Stroud); also northbound exit slip closed; contraflow on southbound. A4176: Bridge Valley Rd closed; diversion, Bristol.

The north: M6: Contraflow between junction 32 (M55) and 33 (A6), Lancs. A534: Resurfacing work along Crewe Rd at Haslington; temporary traffic lights in use, Cheshire.

Scotland: A82: Kerbing work 3 miles S of Fort William; single lane with traffic lights. A91: Bridge strengthening has closed road; diversion in operation, Kinross.

Information supplied by the AA

Rainforest report

Friends of the Earth today launch a campaign to protect tropical rainforests from destruction. They have published a 120-page report on the subject featuring the involvement of British industry in the consumption of tropical hardwoods. *Timber! an investigation of the UK tropical timber industry* is £4 from FoE, 377 City Road, London, EC1; Tel: 01-837 0731.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.84	1.75
Austria Sch	28.10	26.70
Belgium Fr	80.20	76.40
Canada $	1.73	1.65
Denmark Kr	14.40	13.70
Finland Mkk	8.30	7.90
France Fr	12.15	11.80
Germany DM	3.69	3.61
Greece Dr	170.00	160.00
Hong Kong $	8.80	8.30
Ireland Pt	1.28	1.22
Italy Lire	2530.00	2410.00
Japan Yen	321.00	305.00
Netherlands Gld	4.52	4.30
Norway Kr	11.45	10.90
Portugal Esc	221.00	211.00
South Africa Rd	2.81	2.61
Spain Pta	220.00	208.00
Sweden Kr	11.49	10.94
Switzerland Fr	3.355	3.195
USA $	1.295	1.205
Yugoslavia Dnr	323.00	303.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 388.1.

London: The *FT* index closed up 2.7 at 968.5.

The papers

The Daily Express, commenting on Dr Robert Runcie's sermon at the VE Day 40th Anniversary at Westminster Abbey yesterday, says: "Those who feared, after the Falklands thanksgiving service, that Dr Runcie might misread the country's mood, will have been delighted with his words and tone." The paper adds: "Yesterday, we heard no hints that it was unseemly and chauvinistic to recall the blood, toil, tears and sweat the British people expended in war. He had no doubts. This was an occasion for unambiguous rejoicing."

The Daily Star, commenting on the letter sent to Mrs Thatcher from the War Widows' Association demanding "a better deal" from Whitehall, says: "It is a poor country indeed that claims it cannot afford to pay for the sacrafices of its heroes." It adds: "and immediate settlement of the war widows' case would be the most fitting tribute to those who fought and fell 40 years ago."

Anniversaries

Births: Sir James Barrie, Kirriemuir, 1860; Lillian Baylis, of the Old Vic and Sadlers Wells, London, 1874; José Ortega y Gasset, philosopher and writer, Madrid, 1883.

Deaths: William Bradford, Pilgrim Father and Governor of Plymouth Colony, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1657; Count von Zinzendorf, leader of the Moravian Church, Herrnhu, 1760; Friedrich von Schiller, poet and dramatist, Weimar, Germany, 1805; Joseph Gay-Lussac, chemist and physicist, Paris, 1850.

The German garrison in the Channel Islands surrendered, 1945.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

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Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

● Rules will appear again in Friday's paper

Weather forecast

A N airflow will cover the UK with troughs of low pressure remaining close to both E and W coastal districts.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, NW, central N England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind NW moderate; max temp 15C (59F).

E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Cloudy, occasional rain; wind NW moderate; max temp 12C (54F).

SW England, S Wales, Northern Ireland: Bright or sunny intervals, showers, some heavy; wind NW fresh locally strong; max temp 12C (54F).

Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland: Mainly dry, bright or sunny intervals; wind N light or moderate; max temp 13C (55F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, occasional rain; wind NE moderate; max temp 11C (52F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Becoming brighter and drier; temperatures mostly near normal.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind N fresh to strong becoming moderate; occasional rain; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea moderate becoming slight. **English Channel E:** Wind NW fresh to strong occasional rain; visibility moderate or good; sea rough. **St Georges Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind WN, strong occasional rain; visibility moderate or good; sea rough.

Sun rises: 5.19 am Sun sets: 8.37 pm
Moon rises: 1.43 am Moon sets: 8.42 am
Last quarter: May 11.

Lighting-up time

London 9.07 pm to 4.47 am
Bristol 9.16 pm to 4.57 am
Edinburgh 9.38 pm to 4.40 am
Manchester 9.25 pm to 4.47 am
Penzance 9.23 pm to 5.13 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F
Belfast	f	13	55
Birmingham	c	16	61
Blackpool	s	12	54
Bristol	s	17	63
Cardiff	s	20	68
Edinburgh	s	16	61
Glasgow	s	18	61
Guernsey	s	13	55
Inverness	s	14	57
Jersey	s	12	54
London	c	15	59
Manchester	c	17	63
Newcastle	c	11	52
Ronaldsway	s	14	57

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6 pm, 70 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.00in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 1.8 hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1011.5 millibars falling: 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

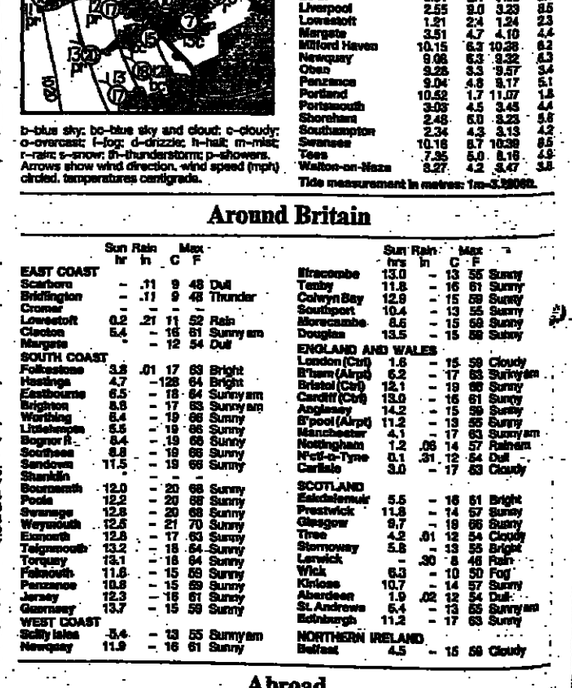
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Bournemouth21C (70F); lowest day max: Fraserburgh8C (46F); highest rainfall: Leeming, Honington0.30ins; highest sunshine: Anglesey4.2hr.

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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.44	7.1	6.05	6.7
Aberdeen	5.09	3.8	5.35	3.7
Avonmouth	11.14	11.8	11.35	11.4
Belfast	2.48	3.4	3.25	3.2
Cardiff	10.59	10.9	11.20	10.8
Devonport	9.57	4.8	10.09	5.0
Dover	2.47	6.2	3.12	6.1
Falmouth	9.27	4.6	9.39	4.8
Glasgow	4.42	4.8	4.58	4.7
Harwich	3.39	3.9	4.06	3.8
Holyhead	2.00	5.3	2.37	5.0
Hull	10.12	8.9	10.49	8.8
Ilfracombe	9.58	8.3	10.19	8.2
Leith	6.31	5.1	7.09	5.1
Liverpool	2.55	9.0	3.23	8.5
Lowestoft	1.21	2.4	1.24	2.3
Margate	3.51	4.7	4.10	4.4
Milford Haven	10.15	6.3	10.38	6.2
Newquay	9.08	6.3	9.32	6.3
Oban	5.28	3.5	5.57	3.4
Penzance	9.04	4.9	9.17	5.1
Portland	10.52	1.7	11.07	1.8
Portsmouth	3.03	4.5	3.45	4.4
Shoreham	2.48	6.0	3.23	5.8
Southampton	2.34	4.3	3.13	4.2
Swansea	10.16	8.7	10.38	8.5
Tees	7.35	5.0	8.18	4.9
Weston-on-Naze	3.27	4.2	3.47	3.8

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	–	.11	9	48	Dull
Bridlington	–	.11	9	48	Thunder
Cromer	–	–	–	–	–
Lowestoft	0.2	.21	11	52	Rain
Clacton	5.4	–	16	61	Sunny am
Margate	–	–	12	54	Dull
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	3.8	.01	17	63	Bright
Hastings	4.7	–	128	64	Bright
Eastbourne	6.5	–	18	64	Sunny am
Brighton	8.6	–	17	63	Sunny am
Worthing	6.4	–	19	66	Sunny
Littlehampton	5.5	–	19	66	Sunny
Bognor R	6.4	–	19	66	Sunny
Southsea	6.8	–	19	66	Sunny
Sandown	11.5	–	19	66	Sunny
Shanklin	–	–	–	–	–
Bournemouth	12.0	–	20	68	Sunny
Poole	12.2	–	20	68	Sunny
Swanage	12.8	–	20	68	Sunny
Weymouth	12.6	–	21	70	Sunny
Exmouth	12.8	–	17	63	Sunny
Teignmouth	13.2	–	18	64	Sunny
Torquay	13.1	–	18	64	Sunny
Falmouth	11.6	–	15	59	Sunny
Penzance	10.8	–	15	59	Sunny
Jersey	12.3	–	16	61	Sunny
Guernsey	13.7	–	15	59	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	5.4	–	13	55	Sunny am
Newquay	11.9	–	16	61	Sunny
Ilfracombe	13.0	–	13	55	Sunny
Tenby	11.8	–	16	61	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	12.8	–	15	59	Sunny
Southport	10.4	–	13	55	Sunny
Morecambe	6.6	–	15	59	Sunny
Douglas	13.5	–	15	59	Sunny
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cnt)	1.6	–	15	59	Cloudy
H'throw (Arpt)	6.2	–	17	63	Sunny am
Bristol (Cnt)	12.1	–	19	66	Sunny
Cardiff (Cnt)	13.0	–	16	61	Sunny
Anglesey	14.2	–	15	59	Sunny
B'pool (Arpt)	11.2	–	13	55	Sunny
Manchester	6.1	–	17	63	Sunny am
Nottingham	1.2	.06	14	57	Rain am
N'cst-o-Tyne	0.1	.31	12	54	Dull
Carlisle	3.0	–	17	63	Cloudy
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	5.5	–	16	61	Bright
Prestwick	11.8	–	14	57	Sunny
Glasgow	9.7	–	19	66	Sunny
Tiree	4.2	.01	12	54	Cloudy
Stornoway	5.8	–	13	55	Bright
Lerwick	–	.30	8	46	Rain
Wick	6.3	–	10	50	Fog
Kinloss	10.7	–	14	57	Sunny
Aberdeen	1.9	.02	12	54	Dull
St Andrews	6.4	–	13	55	Sunny am
Edinburgh	11.2	–	17	63	Sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	4.5	–	15	59	Cloudy

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F
Ajaccio	r	12	54
Alicante	s	31	88
Alexandria			
Algiers	f	17	63
Amsterdam	s	18	64
Athens	s	23	73
Bahrain	s	31	88
Barbados*	f	29	84
Barcelona	s	18	64
Beirut			
Belgrade	f	24	75
Berlin	f	20	68
Bermuda*	s	19	66
Biarritz	f	14	57
Bologna	c	12	54
Bordeaux	c	12	54
Brussels	f	17	63
Budapest	f	14	57
Buen Aires			
Cairo*	f	35	95
Cape Tn	s	20	68
Chicago	s	18	64
Cologne*	r	13	55
Ch'church*	f	19	66
Cologne	c	19	66
Copenhgn	s	16	61
Corfu	s	24	75
Dublin	c	14	57
Dubrovnik	f	19	66
Faro	s	19	66
Florence	c	18	61
Frankfurt	f	20	68
Funchal	f	18	61
Geneva*	c	11	52
Gibraltar	s	21	70
Helsinki	c	13	55
Hong Kong	s	29	84
Innsbruck	s	10	50
Istanbul	s	22	72
Jiddah	s	33	91
Jo'burg			
Karachi	s	31	88
Las Palmas	c	20	68
Lisbon	s	16	61
Locarno*	r	11	52
L Angeles*	c	15	59
Luxemburg	c	17	63
Madrid	s	15	59
Majorca	f	19	66
Malaga	s	23	73
Malta	r	17	63
Melbourne	c	14	57
Mexico C			
Miami			
Milan	r	10	50
Montreal*	f	18	64
Moscow	r	13	55
Munich	r	9	48
Nairobi	c	24	75
Naples	f	18	64
New Delhi	s	35	95
New York*	f	17	63
Nice	c	13	55
Oslo	s	17	63
Paris	c	12	54
Peking	s	28	82
Perth	s	19	66
Prague	r	15	59
Reykjavik	r	6	41
Rhodes	s	28	79
Riyadh	f	38	97
Rio de Jan	s	29	73
Rome	c	18	61
Salzburg	c	17	63
Sao Paulo*	s	25	77
S Francisco*	s	14	57
Santiago			
Seoul	s	28	82
Singapore	f	33	91
Stockholm	s	15	59
Strasbourg	f	12	54
Sydney	s	22	72
Tangier	s	18	64
Tel Aviv	s	33	91
Tenerife	f	19	66
Tokyo	s	21	70
Toronto			
Tunis	f	19	66
Valencia	s	21	70
Vancouver	f	21	70
Venice	s	18	64
Vienna	f	17	63
Warsaw	c	19	66
Washington			
Wellington*	f	17	63
Zurich*	c	14	57

*denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

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